

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting January 10, 2019

Members Present: Don Kingsborough, Vicki Handy, Steve Meisen, Stacy Epstein, Sarah Silvernail & Scott Etheredge

Staff Present: Ken Worcester & Ken Warner

Council Liaison:

Guests: Michael Rutten, Carmela Selby, Roberta Schwartz, Ed Schwartz & Patrick McQuire

Meeting called to order by Don at 7:00 pm

Don acknowledged that his term had expired, he has reapplied, and inquired and told that Board members can remain until replaced.

Don had all at table introduce themselves.

- 1. Approval of tonight's agenda – add discussion of Vice Chair & Chair election**
Sarah made a motion that was 2nd by Steve to approve agenda. Motion passed.
- 2. Community Comments**
 - a. Michael Rutten: Bee City Application & Work**
 - i. Arbor week plantings are scheduled for pollinator areas at Mary S Young and working with Xerces Society.
 - ii. 1st area is started and the 2nd area with Xerces will start later.
 - b. Roberta Schwartz**
 - i. With 200 houses coming into neighborhood, stated SDC funds always come to local neighborhood, wants \$160,000 for daylighting creek.
 - ii. Requests that the designed nature playground now have mud pit and outdoor wash off area removed.
 - iii. Requests that there be no "drum" like sound producing items at the nature playground.
- 3. Approve December Summary Notes**

Don mentioned the quick talk about having a Vice Chair was not mentioned.
Scott made motion and Stacy seconded to approve the Summary Notes for December 13, 2018 meeting. Motion Passed.
- 4. Savanna Oaks Neighborhood Committee Presentation**

Roberta Schwartz – The Neighborhood created a park committee for The White Oak Savanna. They had a park tour in November and have some suggestions.

 - a. Add garbage container
 - b. Remove Canadian Thistle

- c. Remove blackberry starts
- d. Tall grasses need to be mowed or removed
- e. Repair area where water pipe put in at the top of the park
- f. Remove blackberry behind each home every year.

Mentioned again that a desire exists to daylight the creek rather than have some of the pieces planned for the nature playground.

Ken Worcester expressed that there would be concerns on how to slow water on the grade of the hill and explained that SDC funds may not be available as they can be financed over time. The nature playground is nearing the bid phase. Mowing the entire park is not an option but can look at possibly reseeding with other grasses.

5. Park Master Plan Next Steps

The Board discussed the the plan and what would be next steps. The overall feeling was that the plan does express the desires of the City from the data collected on Parks 7 Rec survey and other sureveys conducted for the GO Bond.

The Board fells that a facilities plan is a good option. Facilities that are utilized for recreation by the Parks & Recreation Department/City should be in the Master Plan. Thise facilities that are not utilized byt the City for recreation could go in the Faciltie4s Plan.

The Dta clearly supported the mention of a pool and supported the desire for a community recreation center. No debating these two issues based on data collected. Move the long demographics sectionm to an Appendix.

The Board woulf like to meet with the Planning Commisioon to discuss the Master Plan. The BIOard worked on an agenda that could be helpful when the meeting occurted with the Planning Commision.

6. Blue Herron Tour – to be discussed at future meeting

7. The Election of Chair and discussion of Vice Chair will occur at future meeting.

Special meeting to refine agenda for Meeting with Plannign Commmisiopmn set for January 23rd, 10am City Hall.

Adjournment at 9:20pm