

MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF February 17, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Charles Marsden called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. at City Hall, 101 Green Street.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following members were present: Greibe, Holland, Marsden, Miller, Moran, Smith and Robb.

Absent: Greiner

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Chairperson Marsden announced a quorum of Committee members present to conduct business.

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes

Motion: Smith moved, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2017 meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Discussion: Discussion took place regarding the Short Term and Long Term Projects List as far as what work is underway and/or completed. Dan Cole has done more tree removal. Public Works staff have done cleanup of plants and shrubs, especially around the fountain. Jeremy White of White Construction has presented a proposal to complete the restoration of the fountain. (See attached.) Jeremy suggested some colors for the fountain and the surrounding benches. Marsden to request color samples prior to the next meeting. Charles Fach will assist in repairing the fountain centerpiece which is in worse condition than once thought. Cost is estimated at \$13,500 for the fountain and \$500 for the benches. This fits into the budget previously prepared by The Galena Foundation, who will be paying for the work.

Motion: Holland moved, seconded by Smith to recommend to The Galena Foundation Board and the City Council that the restoration work on the fountain proceed with White Construction and Charles Fach doing the work. The Galena Foundation will pay the cost of the work.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner

Motion Carried

Discussion: Discussion took place regarding “Inspirational Items” including:

- Additional old pictures and other items regarding the history of Grant Park
- Mark Moran described the items that will be found on the Grant Park website.

Discussion: David Greibe made a presentation on possible improvements to the planting beds where the several sidewalks intersect on the west side of the park. It was concluded that the best solution is to return the area to turf. The two narrow concrete edgings will be removed so that people don't use them as sidewalks. Work will be done by City Public Works staff. Money budgeted to this area will now be applied to the reconstruction of the fountain surroundings. David then made a presentation on a design for the fountain surroundings and the fountain itself. After much discussion it was agreed that the urns on the fountain should be removed to improve site lines. Four urns will be placed in the four quadrants surrounding the fountain. The rest will be used throughout the park, most likely in the Oval Garden design. The work surrounding the fountain will be paid by The Galena Foundation. Work to be done this year so that the public can see the theme for plantings in the park including in the Oval Garden. Cost of the work is estimated to be about \$11,500 with adjacent seeding done by Public Works staff. Greibe to provide some additional sketches and drawings.

Motion: Jackson moved, seconded by Holland to recommend to The Galena Foundation Board and the City Council that the work in the planting beds and surrounding the fountain be constructed this year as described.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner

Motion Carried

Discussion: Ken Robb led a discussion on tree removal and trimming. 17 of 21 trees have been removed. There are 35 trees designated for trimming. Ken suggested that we possibly remove the 5 white pines. Possibly replace with some other variety of tree. Greibe agreed and gave some general guidelines on trimming and thinning. It was agreed that there should be a committee meeting in Grant Park to discuss all of this with Dan Cole. Meeting was tentatively set for 9:30 a.m. on February 24. Greibe to check his calendar. Moran to check with Cole. Marsden will issue notice of public meeting.

Discussion: David Greibe presented drawings of the Oval Garden with additional details. These can be used to get ballpark quote for budgeting and fundraising purposes. Additional discussion will be necessary before proceeding with the work.

Discussion: Ballpark costs for each project and possible fundraising activity took place. It was felt that fundraising for the total project should occur, rather than doing it separately for individual projects, although it would still be possible for people or organizations to donate for an individual project. The program needs to touch people personally and allow gifts to be made in honor of or memory of someone. Plaques and recognition in the Galena Gazette would be part of this. The Galena Foundation would be the recipient of the donated funds in order to maintain tax deductibility. Ballpark estimate of funds needed to complete all of the work is \$200,000. Joe Holland will put some thoughts together prior to the next meeting.

Discussion: Marketing and communications plan development is underway. Mark Moran continues to populate the website. Articles in the Galena Gazette will be included, featuring the work of David Greibe. First focus will be on the fountain area. More work needs to be done on the Oval Garden before it can be featured in the Gazette.

Discussion: Other work was discussed. We need to consider cleaning the stone on the Civil War Memorial and the Grant Statue. Paul Jackson will check into this. The condition of the bronze statue needs to be investigated and a plan put together to do the necessary repairs. Also, there is no recognition of the donor or artist on the Grant Statue. Artist is quite famous. It is possible that Charles Fach and Benjamin Robb can assist us with this.

Drainage upgrade near the pavilion needs to be explored, possibly as part of installing the handicap access and parking.

Committee Member Comments: None

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING March 17, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Jackson moved, seconded by Robb to adjourn at 12:35 p.m.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call:
AYES: All
NAYS: None
Absent: Greiner

The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles R. Marsden
Chairperson