

MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF October 20, 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: Holland, Jackson, Marsden, Miller, Moran, Robb and Smith

Absent: Greibe and Greiner

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes

Motion: Smith moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2017 meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greibe and Greiner

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Discussion: Inspirational Items reviewed were the Gazette photos from the production of the movie "Gayly, Gayly" in 1967. In 1967, the elm trees were still in the park and there were other elements of the park that were visible in the photos. Thanks to Hillary Dickerson for providing the photos. Also discussed was the Country Fair, where many positive comments about Grant Park were heard. Mark Moran noted that the Kohlsaas Bridge is being painted, black to match the fixtures in Grant Park, making the visual link between the park and bridge even stronger.

Discussion: Discussion took place regarding the Short Term and Long Term Projects List as far as what work is underway and/or completed

- Tree work – Tree trimming in the playground area was completed prior to Country Fair. Remaining tree work still needs to be done. New trees may be planted yet this fall. Consensus is to plant fewer trees in strategic locations that coordinate with Country Fair. This will open up the park very similar to what it was like back when the elm trees still existed. Trash can pad locations will be identified at the same time. Pat and Ron Smith, representing Country Fair, will assist in selecting tree and pad locations that coordinate with Country Fair.
- Public Works Dept. work –Work has been completed.

- Pergola – New wisteria have been planted.
- Fountain – Fountain is doing well. Still needs frequent cleaning.
- Monument and Statue – Work is complete.
- Basketball Court – East Galena Township purchased new basketball goals. They have been delivered. City staff are working on a revised layout compatible with adjacent playground and large maple tree that is similar to the small court at Rec Park. Cost might be about \$30,000, which is not included in fund raising for master plan. An alternative source of funds will be explored.
- Pavilion – Electrical worked well at Country Fair
- Fountain Landscaping – Plants are doing well. Need to plant fall bulbs.
- Playground – Concrete has been installed. Updated report from Kiwanis next meeting.
- Rock Garden and Concrete Urn Restoration – Work has been completed by Jeremy White. Looks good. Urns were planted for fall. Rock Garden plants to be updated and cleaned up in the spring.

Discussion: The plan is to design the restoration of the Oval Garden this winter and obtain quotes in the Spring. Wrap up construction in summer of 2018. Marsden to discuss with David Greibe.

Discussion: Fundraising effort led by The Galena Foundation was discussed. Ken Robb gave an update on fundraising to date. Galena Foundation Board will be meeting next week and will be discussing the ongoing fundraising activities. Suggestions were made by the committee that will be taken back to the Galena Foundation Board. Robb to discuss details with Miller and Holland prior to the Galena Foundation Board meeting. Robb will again report back to the committee at the next meeting. Cashflow projections will be developed by Marsden based on Moran's spreadsheet that tracks costs of the individual projects. This will be available at the next meeting. As a minimum, we would like to complete the Oval Garden and the reconstruction of the park entrances.

Committee Member Comments: All agreed that much has been accomplished this year. Cashflow will determine what gets done in 2018.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Jackson moved, seconded by Holland to adjourn at 11:50 a.m.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles R. Marsden
Chairperson