

MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF January 19, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Charles Marsden called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall, 101 Green Street.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Jackson 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 Holland to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2017 meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Jackson and Greiner

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Discussion: Inspirational Items reviewed were presentations made to Rotary and Lions Clubs as well as a meeting with representatives of the Questers.

Discussion: Ken Robb gave an update on the Fundraising Plan from The Galena Foundation. Currently, there is \$191,199 donated or pledged. There has been a very good response (30%) to the mailings. There is a broad base of support in the community, which will serve us well, now and in the future. For now, we should plan on \$200,000 being raised. Efforts will be made to continue to contact potential donors.

Discussion: Marsden previously prepared a cashflow model to coincide with the fundraising plan. At the present time \$71,861 of work has been completed with \$168,000 estimated to be completed. The restoration of Johnson Street and the construction of limestone terrace walls would be funded in another phase. The basketball courts are not part of this fundraiser, so other means of financing them will be pursued. The cashflow model needs to be updated. Mark Moran will get updated information, particularly for tree work prior to the next meeting. 2018 work will be determined and prioritized based on a \$200,000 fundraising goal.

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 – Dan Cole has not billed for his work. Redfearn has been paid. May be planting a couple more trees.
- Public Works Dept. Work –Work has been completed for this year. Need to do trash can pads next spring.
- Monument and Statue – Work is complete. May still want to inspect Grant statue.
- Basketball Court – East Galena Township is now donating \$10,000. Total cost has been reduced from \$30,000 to about \$22,000. An additional source of funds will be explored.
- Rock Garden and Concrete Urn Restoration -- Rock Garden plants to be updated and cleaned up in the spring.
- Upgrade Entrances – design this winter for work in spring / summer 2018. Committee discussed eliminating the plantings and seeding the area instead to reduce cost and still clean up the entrances. Sidewalks would still be expanded. May be able to use some stored limestone blocks at the Kohlsaas Bridge entrance. City to obtain quotes this spring.
- Oval Garden – David Greibe presented updated designs for the Oval Garden. The committee agreed that the design with the seat wall at the bottom and the stub wall at the top was the preferred design. David will complete the design and outline specification documents and present them at the February 16 meeting. City will then obtain quotes.
- Handicap Access – City Staff will design this winter for work in spring / summer 2018.
- Low Maintenance Plantings on Embankment – 2019 project
- Improve Signage and Wayfinding – 2019 project

Discussion: Marketing and Communications items were not discussed. All is proceeding well.

Committee Member Comments: All agreed that much has been accomplished this year. Cashflow will determine what gets done in 2018 and in 2019.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING February 16, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Holland moved, seconded by Robb to adjourn at 12:00 p.m.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles R. Marsden
Chairperson