

MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF MAY 18, 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, Jackson, Marsden, Miller, Moran, Robb and Smith

Absent: Greiner

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes

Motion: Robb moved, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2018 meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Discussion: Inspirational Items discussed were Galena HS Prom and work being done currently in the park. It was also reported that there appears to be some damage to the older wisteria. New wisteria doing well.

Discussion: Ken Robb gave an update on the Fundraising Plan from The Galena Foundation. Total amount donated or pledged is slightly higher than last month. Short term goal will remain at \$200,000. Potential donors will still be contacted, including circling back to current donors. Discussion took place at the Galena Foundation Annual Dinner Meeting on March 28. Another mailing will also be considered.

Discussion: Marsden previously prepared a cashflow model to coincide with the fundraising plan. No changes to the spreadsheet have been made, awaiting bids on the Oval Garden. Volunteers and donation of materials may reduce the cost of the basketball courts.

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 – Cole had to remove a maple tree in the center of the park that developed a split in the trunk.

- Public Works Dept. Work – Working on fountain drain problem, handicap parking, trash can pads, a concrete manhole at the water service entrance and staking of the newly planted trees.
- Monument and Statue – Work is complete. Committee agreed to not pursue work on the 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. Funds available in the city budget. Volunteers and donation of materials including concrete at a discounted price is being pursued.
- Rock Garden and Concrete Urn Restoration -- Rock Garden plants to be updated and cleaned up in the spring. Volunteers have come forward to do it. Dave Greibe put together a design.
- Oval Garden – Mark Moran reported that bidding documents have been distributed. Bids will be received on May 23 with the intent that it can be approved by Council on May 28.
- Upgrade Entrances – David Greibe distributed analysis and design objectives for the main entrance on Van Buren Street. Also, four different schemes to review. These will be discussed further at future meetings and may be implemented in 2018 if funds allow.
- Handicap Access – Public Works to begin work shortly.
- Low Maintenance Plantings on Embankment – 2019 project
- Improve Signage and Wayfinding – 2019 project

Discussion: Mark Moran has requested quotes from a landscaping company or an individual on board to do plant maintenance this season. James O’Bel Trust funds, administered by The Galena Foundation can be used for plant materials. Mark Moran will order plants soon.

Discussion: Marketing and Communications items involving the centerpiece plaques were discussed. All is proceeding well.

Committee Member Comments: None.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING June 15, 2018. Oval Garden bid information will be distributed to the Committee by email.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Holland moved, seconded by Miller to adjourn at 11:15 a.m.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles R. Marsden

Chairperson