

MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF June 15, 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, and Robb

Absent: Greiner, Moran and Smith

Matt Oldenburg attended the meeting. Bobby Hahn attended a portion of the meeting.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes

Motion: Holland moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2018 meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner, Moran and Smith

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Discussion: Inspirational Items discussed were the Oval Garden.

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. With the donation from the Questers, the total amount raised now exceeds \$200,000.

Discussion: Marsden previously prepared a cashflow model to coincide with the fundraising plan. No changes to the spreadsheet have been made, awaiting final prices on the Oval Garden.

Discussion: Discussion took place regarding ways to get the Oval Garden project back to close to the budgeted amount of \$60,000. Current work under contract with Louie's Trenching is \$31,550. \$5,000 should be set aside for urn bases, plaques and the centerpiece urn. Urn bases have been ordered with a cost of \$1,195. \$15,000 should be set aside for plantings. David Greibe presented a scaled back planting design that also eliminates the boxwoods which are subject to disease this year. Matt Oldenburg has the details that would be used to rebid this

work. This would leave about \$10,000 for a stacked stone limestone wall. Hahn and Greibe have developed a plan for the wall. With donations of stone from Hahn Quarry it will be possible to build the stacked limestone wall within the budget of \$10,000. Hahn to provide a proposal to the City for the change order. Angie Kaiser and Mark Montgomery removed some plants prior to Louie's beginning the work. Louie's plans to have the work completed by August.

Motion: Jackson moved, seconded by Holland to recommend to the City Council that we proceed to complete the Oval Garden project as follows:

- Continue with the contract with Louie's Trenching in the amount of \$31,550.
- Pursue the plaques and centerpiece urn with a budget of \$5,000
- Re-bid the plantings work with a target of \$15,000 budgeted.
- Issue a change order to Louie's Trenching for the stacked stone wall with a cost of about \$10,000.

Discussion: None additional.

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner, Moran and Smith

Motion Carried

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 – No update
- Public Works Dept. Work –. Completed repair of fountain drain problem. Handicap parking will proceed as planned. Trash can pads will be included with some other sidewalk work. A concrete manhole at the water service entrance will be installed. Staking of the newly planted trees still needs to be done.
- Monument and Statue – Work is complete.
- Basketball Court – Hahn indicated that work will be completed by August.
- Rock Garden and Concrete Urn Restoration -- Dave Greibe put together a design. Greibe to again contact Earl Thompson to see if they are still interested in doing the new plantings.
- Oval Garden – See above.
- Upgrade Entrances – David Greibe previously distributed analysis and design objectives for the main entrance on Van Buren Street. These will be used if replacement of Van Buren entrance is needed after Oval Garden work is completed. Also, the committee discussed with Hahn the possibility of installing a stacked stone wall at the Kohlsaas Bridge entrance by extending the current wall. Stacked stone must be used since no footings are able to be installed in close proximity to the spruce trees.
- Handicap Access – Public Works to begin work shortly.
- Low Maintenance Plantings on Embankment – 2019 project. May pursue a grant as part of the Galena River Watershed Plan. Marsden to discuss with Beth Baranski.
- Improve Signage and Wayfinding – 2019 project

Discussion: Mark Moran previously reported to Marsden that Valley Perennials planted the urns. Some committee members suggested that additional plants with more colors should be added. Also, the plants around the fountain appear to be sparse. O'Bel Trust funds could be used to make improvements according to Robb. Moran and Greibe to pursue. Moran also previously noted that Pat Hahn is doing plant maintenance this year.

Discussion: Marketing and Communications items involving the centerpiece plaques were discussed.

Committee Member Comments: Marsden noted that we should pursue a Driehaus Award for Grant Park if the current pursuit of an award for Turner Hall goes favorably. Robb indicated that National Park Service people will be in Galena in July to discuss Landmark Status for the community.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING July 20, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Robb moved, seconded by Miller to adjourn at 11:40 a.m.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call: AYES: All
 NAYS: None
 Absent: Greiner, Moran and Smith

The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles R. Marsden
Chairperson