

MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 26, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Charles Marsden called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall, 101 Green Street.

ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following members were present: Greibe, Marsden, Miller, Moran, and Smith. Ken Robb joined the meeting at approximately 10:00 a.m.

Absent: Greiner, Holland & Jackson

Bobby Hahn also attended a portion of the meeting and provided input on the various projects and their costs.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes

Motion: Miller moved, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2019 meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner, Holland, Jackson & Robb

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Inspirational Items: None

Update on the Fundraising Plan from The Galena Foundation: None

Discussion: Marsden previously prepared a cashflow model to coincide with the fundraising plan. The detailed analysis contained in the November 16, 2018 minutes is still accurate. The cashflow model is currently accurate and will not be updated until there is additional costing information available.

Discussion: Discussion took place regarding the Short Term and Long Term Projects List:

- Plaques will be installed by Vincent Monuments as soon as weather permits. Should have Gazette photo-op once installed.
- Kohlsaas entrance was discussed. Here is a summary:

- Urns will be installed close to the base of the stairs.
- Raise sidewalk up to first step.
- Remove the stone retaining wall.
- Relocate signage, O'Bel plaque and trash can.
- Remove two old blue spruce and replace with new plantings, possibly a redbud.
- Landscape and re-seed area to adjust grade
- Install ramp to grassy area in same location as originally proposed.
- David Greibe to work with Bobby Hahn on layout of design.
- Louie's to do work as soon as park dries out to where equipment can be brought in.
- Jackson Street entrance and Handicap Access will also be done as soon as park dries out.
- Budget for handicap access increased to \$10,000 to address stormwater issues in the vicinity. Project will be out for bid shortly. Stormwater pipe will be connected to existing storm sewer.
- Rock Garden will be planted this spring according to David Greibe's plan. Paul Jackson has installed mulch and removed as much vegetation as possible. David estimates a cost of \$1,600 for plants that can come from O'Bel Fund. Purchase authorized.
- Park Cleanup – City crew removed 9 truckloads of straw, disked and harrowed. Pursuing hydroseeding so that no more straw is applied. Paul Jackson repaired the ruts.
- Discussed embankment situation, including erosion on embankment and around trees. Need to repair erosion and overseed as necessary. David Greibe has a suggested mixture. Not sure hydroseeding will work. Need to find alternative to using lawn tractor in wet conditions. May want to remove some old trees by the bridge.
- Will continue to pursue Johnson Street restoration.
- Second year of plant maintenance contract with Pat Hahn has been expanded in 2019 to include the Fountain, Oval Garden, Rock Garden and Urns. David Greibe recommends that planting areas be weeded, pine cones and pine needles removed, and roses nipped.
- Consider planting a maple tree uphill from the existing maple tree near the playground that may need to be removed some day.
- Improved Signage and Wayfinding is scheduled for 2019. Concept of developing a map of Grant Park that can then be placed on the signage will be pursued. Map would point out highlights of the park and also features such as rest rooms, HC parking, etc. O'Bel stone near Kohlsaat Bridge could be moved to the Rock Garden

Committee Member Comments: None.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING May 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Adjournment

Motion: Robb moved, seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner, Holland & Jackson

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CR Marsden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Charles R. Marsden
Chairperson