

MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Charles Marsden called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 101 Green Street.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Greiner, Holland & Miller

Bobby Hahn also attended 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: Robb moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2018 meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner, Holland & Miller

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Discussion: Inspirational Items discussed was one of the four bronze plaques brought to the meeting by Ken Robb. All felt that the plaques will be a beautiful addition to the Oval Garden and the park.

Discussion: Ken Robb provided an update on the Fundraising Plan from The Galena Foundation. Approximately \$210,000 has been raised. Fundraising wrapped up in November.

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.
- Kohlsaas entrance was discussed. Here is a summary:
 - Urns will be installed close to the base of the stairs.
 - Possibly 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.
 - Landscape and re-seed area to adjust grade
 - Install ramp to grassy area in same location as originally proposed.
 - David Greibe to prepare an updated 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 in the spring as soon as park dries out. Budget for handicap access increased to \$10,000 to address stormwater issues in the vicinity.
- Rock Garden will be planted this spring according to David Greibe's plan.
- Marsden investigated low maintenance plantings for embankment this winter with help from David Greibe and input from landscape architect doing the Stillman grounds. Committee agreed that the embankment needs to be mowable for appearance. Greibe will continue to pursue a "golf course" mix that is durable and can be mowed high, eliminating the ruts and washouts.
- Marsden reported on possible additional grant funding for Johnson Street related to it becoming a permeable paving demonstration project that could reduce stormwater runoff and possibly localized flooding during heavy rains.
- Second year of plant maintenance contract with Pat Hahn has been expanded in 2019 to include the Fountain, Oval Garden, Rock Garden and Urns.
- Improved Signage and Wayfinding is scheduled for 2019. No further discussion took place at this meeting. The subject will be discussed at the next meeting.

Committee Member Comments: None.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING April 26, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall. Meeting date changed since City Hall is closed on Good Friday. Later start time to avoid conflict with another meeting.

Adjournment

Motion: Jackson moved, seconded by Greibe to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner, Holland & Miller

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