

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Charles Marsden called the meeting to order at 9:05 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

Absent: Greiner & Smith

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 Robb to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2019 meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner & Smith

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Inspirational Items:

Will pursue Driehaus Award for Grant Park in 2020 based on receipt of Driehaus Award for Turner Hall. Ken Robb suggested that we start compiling photography and other information needed for the submission.

Update on the Fundraising Plan from The Galena Foundation: Robb reported that \$210,000 is the final number. Awaiting 1 or pledge payments and then it will be wrapped up.

Discussion: Discussion took place regarding Country Fair:

- Ed Bochniak and Mark Moran met prior to Country Fair and booth layout was changed to avoid wet areas in the park. Worked well, all things considered, but hopefully this is not permanent situation.
- Tree removals and future tree planting need not take into account the temporary booth layout used this year. Go by standard booth layout when planting trees.

- Drainage was improved and handicap parking slab worked well. Damage in this area and Jackson Street entrance was minimal.
- Grass seeding worked out well. May need to add more dirt to raise area around pergola.
- Should consider planting a hearty turf grass when re-seeding next year that wears better under high foot traffic. Crab grass does not wear well.
- Consider placing rock on either side of sidewalk running from Johnson Street entrance up to Gazebo to allow for Gator and golf cart traffic. Cover rock with dirt and seed. Also fix rut around tree in playground area.
- Improvements to Kohlsaas Bridge entrance should work out well.
- Could a restored Johnson Street allow for expansion of Country Fair? Still would need it to be a place for porta potties and supply trucks as well as handicap parking. However, the one code compliant handicap entrance to park is on the other end of the park since sidewalks in the park in vicinity of Johnson Street are too steep.. Will leave this up to Country Fair Committee while keeping them informed of our restoration efforts.

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

- Oval Garden looking good. Not going to do a photo op.
- Kohlsaas entrance was discussed. Work to commence next year due to weather.
- Jackson Street Entrance and Handicap Access work completed by Ben Wienen. Pavement striping and signage next year. Signage should be removable for Country Fair. Drainage appears to be working well. Still some soggy ground but no standing water down by the Pergola. Paving of driveway was completed by Civil prior to the fair.
- Rock Garden looks good.
- Park cleanup and re-seeding to be done next year.
- Will continue to pursue Johnson Street restoration. Committee discussed the development of a restoration plan concept drawing by David Greibe that would be compatible with the park. This could be used for pursuit of funding. Marsden to have further discussion with Greibe. Marsden to send information previously developed to Greibe.
- Improved Signage and Wayfinding was discussed. City staff will have it ready for installation in the spring.
- Tree work and tree planting was discussed. Several more trees, including some maples are showing stress. Agreed that David Greibe should develop a multi-year tree replacement plan as some trees will likely die or become extremely diseased in the next 3-5 years. Marsden to have further discussion with Greibe. Tree replacement did not occur this fall due to weather.
- New playground equipment will be installed by Public Works, Kiwanis, and several volunteers.
- Marsden noted that there is some rotten wood on Gazebo columns that should be repaired temporarily or permanently before winter.
- Planting and plant maintenance will be bid this spring.

Committee Member Comments: Ken Robb invited everyone to Driehaus Award ceremony at Turner Hall on Tuesday, November 19. Grant Park will be featured in this year's Galena Foundation annual letter to be sent out shortly.

2020 Meeting Schedule: Take the winter off. First meeting will be on March 20, 2020. Will meet on third Friday of month at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall until all project work is completed.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING March 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall.

Adjournment

Motion: Holland moved, seconded by Jackson to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 a.m.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner & Smith

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CR Marsden". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charles R. Marsden
Chairperson