

MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF February 16, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Charles Marsden called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. at City Hall, 101 Green Street.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Greiner and Miller

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 January 19, 2018 meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greiner and Miller

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Discussion: Inspirational Items discussed were photography showing what park looked like before the restoration began.

Discussion: Ken Robb gave an update on the Fundraising Plan from The Galena Foundation. Total amount donated or pledged is about the same as last month. Goal will remain at \$200,000. Potential donors will still be contacted, including circling back to current donors. Discussion will take 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. The cost of tree work has been added. Cole billed \$19,500 for tree removal and trimming and Redfean billed \$3,324 for planting new trees, for a total of \$22,824. Budget was \$20,000. At the present time \$94,685 of work has been completed with \$148,000 estimated to be completed. The restoration of Johnson Street and the construction of limestone terrace walls would be funded in another phase. The basketball courts are not part of this fundraiser, so other means of financing them will be pursued. 2018 work will be determined and prioritized based on

a \$200,000 fundraising goal. Oval Garden to come first and then possibly followed by work on the park entrances.

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 and Redfearn have been paid. May be planting a couple more trees.
- Public Works Dept. Work –Work has been completed for this year. Need to do trash can pads next spring.
- Monument and Statue – Work is complete. May still want to inspect 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.
- Rock Garden and Concrete Urn Restoration -- Rock Garden plants to be updated and cleaned up in the spring.
- Oval Garden – David Greibe presented updated designs for the Oval Garden. The committee approved the design. Mark Moran was given documentation for City staff to proceed to obtain quotes for the work.
- Upgrade Entrances – using existing photography, the committee developed a concept for the Van Buren Street entrance that would integrate with the Oval Garden. This concept was then carried over to discussion on the Johnson Street and Kohlsaas Bridge entrances. It was agreed that the Jackson Street entrance would not be enhanced unless funds were available. David Greibe will work on refining the concepts.
- Handicap Access – City Staff will design this winter for work in spring / summer 2018. The committee studied the city’s concepts and agreed on two parking stalls and an updated grading plan that would also improve the drainage in this location.
- Low Maintenance Plantings on Embankment – 2019 project
- Improve Signage and Wayfinding – 2019 project

Discussion: Marketing and Communications items were not discussed. All is proceeding well.

Committee Member Comments: All agreed that much has been accomplished this year. Cashflow will determine what gets done in 2018 and in 2019.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING March 16, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Smtih moved, seconded by Jackson to adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

Discussion: None.

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

The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Charles R. Marsden
Chairperson