

MINUTES OF THE GRANT PARK COMMITTEE MEETING OF MARCH 16, 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: Jackson, Marsden, Moran, Robb and Smith

Absent: Greibe, Greiner, Holland and Miller

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

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

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes

Motion: Smith moved, seconded by Jackson to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2018 meeting.

Discussion: None

Roll Call: AYES: All Present

NAYS: None

Absent: Greibe, Greiner, Holland and Miller

Motion Carried

Public Comment: None

Discussion: Inspirational Items discussed were War Eagle, Oval Garden, Van Buren Entrance, and Kohlsaas Bridge Entrance.

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. 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. It is now estimated that the handicapped parking will cost about \$5,000 instead of \$15,000. The basketball courts are not part of this fundraiser, as well as the playground work done last year by Kiwanis. It was suggested that the basketball courts and playground work be tracked on the spreadsheet below the line for the fundraising. 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. Basketball Courts can be done concurrently.

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. Tree planting to be deferred until next year so handicapped parking can be installed first.
- Public Works Dept. Work –. Need to do trash can pads this spring. May be tied into basketball courts concrete work.
- Monument and Statue – Work is complete. May still want to inspect Grant statue. It was agreed that any work done on the statue should not negatively impact the patina.
- 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. Funds may be available in the city budget.
- Rock Garden and Concrete Urn Restoration -- Rock Garden plants to be updated and cleaned up in the spring.
- Oval Garden – Mark Moran reported that bidding documents are being developed by city staff. These will be reviewed by David Greibe in the next week or two. Bid in April. Two bid packages, “bricks and mortar” and landscaping. Alternate bid for stamped concrete in lieu of pavers in case bids run higher than budget. Provisions will be made for the future installation of LED lighting. Possible future LED lighting at pergola and also power conduit in future to basketball courts. Power could come from gazebo.
- Upgrade Entrances – Discussion tabled until concepts are further developed by David Greibe. It may be possible to install a replica of the War Eagle on the Kohlsaat Bridge at the entrance to the park. An individual has volunteered to cast the eagle. This needs further exploration.
- Handicap Access – City staff now estimate cost at \$5,000 or less. Public Works could do grading and gravel base. Do asphalt surface as part of street paving projects. Do sidewalk replacement as well. Possibly install French Drain to improve drainage in low area to south of existing sidewalk.
- Low Maintenance Plantings on Embankment – 2019 project
- Improve Signage and Wayfinding – 2019 project

Discussion: Need to get a landscaping company or an individual on board to do plant maintenance this season. Previously, David Greibe had volunteered to help set up the program. James O’Bel Trust funds, administered by The Galena Foundation can be used for plant materials.

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

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

SCHEDULING OF NEXT MEETING May 18, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at City Hall. There may be a meeting on April 20 if discussion items require it. Committee members are to be “on call”.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Robb moved, seconded by Smith to adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

Discussion: None.

Roll Call:

AYES: All
 NAYS: None
 Absent: Greibe, Greiner, Holland and Miller

The 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 horizontal stroke at the end.

Charles R. Marsden
Chairperson