

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

8/18/16 Community Center 6:00 PM

In attendance: Angel Ward, Amy Foxhall, Teresa Marshall, Katherine Houghton, Sam Fink, Kelly Travers, Mike Ezelle, Laurie Hull

Guests: none

Final 2016/17 budget plan

Angel spoke with Lee Gessner w/ the City and he confirmed we have \$14,000 for this fiscal year (July 1, 2016 - end of June 2017) and \$1,000 in our reserve.

Laurie has suggested that we use that reserve money to purchase plants for the dog park. Pricing of plants and specifics are below in the dog park update.

Folly Family Fun Night

We have \$3,000 allocated in our budget for FFFN next summer, and \$520 left over from our \$1,000 in donations (\$260 paid for face painting & \$120 to Kelly for banner, and \$100 to Roger Rutledge for his MC duties each week; \$1,000 - \$480 = \$520).

Roger may run a subcommittee next summer for the Folly Family Fun Night Series. He will need volunteers for that subcommittee.

Walk/Bike maps

Soraya and her team from Little Dog Agency (folks behind the revamp of the new VisitFolly.com tourism website) have updated the map on the home page if VisitFolly.com to include several park areas. We are still finalizing the design so please let me/Teresa know if you see any changes/additions that need to be made. Soraya is expected to make changes to the map over the weekend of 8/20.

Non-motorized Boat Access

This is the area of the boat ramp that is closest to the bridge. Would like to move some of the rocks and put in sand to launch kayaks and other non-motorized items. This would be great for the increased number of tour groups in the area.

From my understanding this was originally discussed by Julie Hensley & Laurie during bridge construction & then Tom Scruggs got involved. *It is important to note that this is not a Parks & Rec area (the boat landing is owned by the County and SCDOT owns either side of the bridge.)

During bridge construction, Laurie & Julie met with SCDOT to ensure the space mentioned was not blocked (aka rocks were shifted just enough to one side to keep it “open for possibility”). We are not sure why the original project stalled, but it probably had to do with funds. Laurie is going to reach out to Julie to get the drawings she originally did and we will both follow up with her to see if she would like to be involved in this again (as well as the proposed various parks that are to be surveyed). From there we will have to work with the city and county to move forward. Laurie mentioned that in order to get it up and running, the area would probably have to be prepped (remove any oyster beds, rocks, etc.) and then perhaps formal signs and additional designated parking specifically for kayakers, etc. Angel/Laurie will work together to ask Spencer for an update and schedule another meeting with all involved parties to see exactly what needs to be done. Mike Ezelle also will be a key point of contact on this project.

Shadow Race Proposed Park

Needs to be surveyed & cleared. A letter does need to go out to notify the residents [perhaps from Eric] after the survey is completed. However, the potential views from that site are not great and the total costs are over \$2500 [for survey, stakes, OCRM, etc]. Perhaps just a sign is needed. The possibilities will be discussed further after the board does a tour of all of the parks.

12th Block Arctic Proposed Park

Needs to be surveyed & cleared, although some clearing has already been done. This could be a small park as long as we act fast before the surrounding homeowners decide to take it over. Laurie suggested a gazebo. This park is in a nice area and make take priority over the proposed Shadow Race Park [to be determined after board does a tour of all parks].

Dog Park Greenery

Laurie suggested we use the \$1,000 from our reserve to buy shrubs to fill in the open areas around the tree in the dog park.

Adam from Cultivated Landscapes said it would depend on the size we get. 3 gal pittosporum are around \$30/piece and the 7gal ones are \$55/piece (in the ground). 3 gal will be about 20-30 inches tall, 7 gal will be about 32-45 inches tall.

Both are cheaper if we plant them ourselves. (Julie agreed on this type of plant). Laurie suggested we purchase approx. 10 of the 3 gal shrubs and space them along the fence to cover the 150 feet. We may also want to consider a sail cloth over the table to provide some shade.

We may also need to replace the original table with another picnic table [round or rectangular].

Wave Watch Park Update/Surf Boards

The park has been completed since the unfortunate car chase/accident, although the surfboards could use some updating. Laurie suggested kids paint them and make it an event of some kind.

Amy and Sam to email some families in the area to see if their kids would be interested in participating. We think stenciling some animals and have the kids color them in would be a good way to involve the kids but keep them looking nice!

Status of Website

Angel is working on a flow chart to send to the city IT guy as the site is a bit hard to navigate right now. The map is posted. Any suggestions are welcome. Katherine has offered to do professional photos of the parks to include along with the descriptions that are already done.

May want to add text noting the big wheel wheelchairs that can be checked out at city hall as a possibility. These are great on the sand and also good on the new mat placed on 1st block East.

Future Tour of All Parks & Land Available on the Island

Various dates were tossed around. Either the first two weeks of September or the first week of October were discussed. It might make more sense to do this in September so we are prepared for our next meeting.

Folly Fine Art Project

Laurie & Angel discussed meeting with a few local artists to gauge interest in forming an official arts commission (ex. Jane Word (purple lizard house), Nancy Moore, David & Molly Boatright (bottle caps) etc). We won't be doing a public announcement yet as we are still in the conceptual stage & we'd like to have examples of pieces once we get to that point so as to not scare anyone away from the idea if, for example, they are shown a very modern or abstract piece of art. This may involve a subcommittee and both Angel and Katherine are interested in leading this project.

Possible West Side Extension Initiative

\$6,500 quote to survey. We need to talk to Julie Hensley about possibly helping with the design and drawings, as well as schedule a town meeting with just board members, homeowners that would be affected, Parks & Rec members, and any other people that would advocate for it (ie. city officials, Eric Lutz, etc.). Maybe form a (non-formal) subcommittee to take this on. Sam and

Kelly interested in leading this project. Please let me know if anyone is interested *especially if you know some of the homeowners in the area.*

Skate Park Privacy Fence

The Jamison's are immediately adjacent to the park. There two main complaints are that the skate ramps themselves are very loud and the bad language coming from the main group of kids that hang out at the park. The main group does not feel responsible for the maintenance of the park and its neighbors. They are leaving it dirty, tearing down signs and running off other patrons with bad language. They are not concerned with the current surveillance cameras in place.

We need to form a (non-formal) committee to come up with ideas, follow up with the homeowner nearby regularly and oversee the issue in general. Anyone interested in being a part of this committee please let me know. Teresa is already going over there 3 – 4 times a week to clean it up and ask the boys for their help in maintaining the park.

We do need to come up with a barrier solution between the parks and the neighbors. We discussed a graffiti wall, a skate board piece of art or perhaps a living barrier [of plants and trees].

Future meetings

September 22nd – October 20th – November 17th and December 15th: meetings will be held at the Community Center and will begin at 6:00 PM.