

Parks & Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

11/17/16 Community Center 6:00 PM

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

Guests: Eric Lutz

Updates

Skate Park Update

The half pipe has been removed. Fence quotes were \$2800 for a 6ft and \$3100 for an 8ft. There is not enough money in the budget for the parks and recreation board to put up a fence at this time. This matter is considered closed and we will continue to assess the fixes to the park including locking it 6:30pm and opening it at 10am; police monitoring; city council monitoring, removal of the half pipe, etc.

Non-motorized boat access ramp progress

The projections provided were very high [around \$250k] and were for another boat ramp project that is looking to add a floating dock and create a ramp which is much more complicated than what we were hoping to accomplish. We just wanted to clean up the area and remove some rocks to allow easier access for kayaks and paddle boards. Laurie to locate picture concepts from several months ago and bring this back up with Spencer and Julie [CCPR] to see if we can come to a more realistic quote.

Proposed Shadow Race Park – PARD Grant

There have been no new developments here as the city was focused on hurricane Matthew clean-up. The plan is to clear the undergrowth and debris on the park land and to leave all the trees. The concept is to build a meandering path with a few benches.

According to Aaron Pope, we have some “free money” (\$1500 with only \$375 match from us) via a PARD Grant for Shadow Race. This is in addition to the \$3,000 we have allocated to Shadow Race in our budget.

Mike, Amy and Angel to walk the park and make final determinations likely with the company working on the current Center Street project.

Proposed 12th Block Arctic Park

This park currently has a lot of mounded sand in it after the hurricane. The plan is to put a gazebo here. This park does not have any access to the ocean currently; however the lot in front of it is an “unbuildable” lot. This lot belongs to a friend of Ben Peoples who may be able to talk to this individual about donating a portion to the city or to the Nature Conservancy to create a path to the ocean. We are happy to put a plaque or other signage noting their very generous donation.

Dog Park Greenery

This is not a priority at this time as nothing is likely to grow this time of year and the park seems to be holding up alright. Members of the board plan to stop by to check on the condition of the sign for the park.

Wave Watch Playground Update

The plan to invite families to repaint the surfboards will be moved to the spring. Sam and Amy are still the leads for this project.

It is still in the interest of the board to put bathrooms on that playground. There is a sewer line there. Board to measure space in back behind swings to find out possible dimensions for a unisex restroom. Would need a designer to come up with restroom concept [possibly Julie or Allen].

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 of VisitFolly.com to include several park areas. Teresa still waiting to hear back from Soraya.

Status of website

Angel submitted 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. Katherine has offered to do professional photos of the parks to include along with the descriptions that are already done.

Possible West side extension initiative

W Cooper 5th Street to 9th Street (survey - passive walkway with park benches) \$6,000 allocated.

Kelly to work on gathering concept ideas for this park. Plan is again to clear undergrowth and debris and keep the majority of trees. Want to create a meandering path that will allow easier

access to center streets for residents on the West Side of the island. It would be located at night and not lighted. Kelly to set up meeting with Laurie and Angel in December to discuss concepts. Hope to be able to meet with residents surrounding the park sometime in January/early February to review concepts.

Future Parks & Rec projects

Folly Fine Art Project

Other

Board and Commissions Party – December 15th??

Future meetings: - January 19th