

## **Parks and Recreation Committee February Meeting March 15, 2017, 8:30am**

**Attendees:** Kenny Hanson, Billy Grooms, Amy Foxhall, Katherine Houghton, Teresa Marshall, Laurie Hull, Kelly Travers, Mike Ezelle, Sam Fink

**Guests:** Nancy Jonjevic

1. Welcome
  - a. Kenny Hanson and Billy Grooms are welcomed to the board!
  
2. 9<sup>th</sup> Street Greenway
  - a. Laurie, Katherine, and Amy met with the Mayor [Tim] and Aaron on 3/8
  - b. This project will likely take more funds than are available this fiscal year so the suggestion from the city is to earmark funds in our reserves to complete this project to the city's standard in a couple years.
  - c. Tasks to complete this year include:
    - i. Pull the property deeds [this is complete but they need review]
    - ii. Send a letter to the neighbors inviting them to an informational meeting [would like to complete this by the end of April]
    - iii. Set up the neighborhood meeting by the end of April – complete with presentation plans
      1. Julie Hensley and her partner are going to create a master plan for the greenway and bike paths. This project ties closely with the Charleston County mission for greenways and pedestrian safety that they are donating their time at this point. They plan to have conceptual drawings by the end of April.
    - iv. After the neighborhood meeting we plan to hold a city-wide meeting.
    - v. Complete a survey
      1. Surveys can take some time to organize and complete [4 – 6 weeks] so we plan to schedule this soon.
  - d. Subcommittee to set up meeting to draft letter to neighbors and set up informational meeting to address their questions and present concepts.
  
3. Wave Watch Bathroom update
  - a. The grant has been approved and the city will be matching the grant.
    - i. There is also money designated in our budget to complete these bathrooms.

- ii. We just need to be careful of the scope of the project as it could quickly get quite costly. Plan to keep it simple to a single stall and use solar light.
      - iii. The bathroom will be on the back left corner of the playground as that is where we can tie into the sewer.
      - iv. Allen Kinter has offered his assistance on the design and some decisions need to be made on the orientation of the door, type of roof [transparent or solid] and the use of solar tubes
        - 1. Amy will reach out to Allen to work on design concepts and will work within the budget
    - b. Painting Surf boards
      - i. Amy and Sam are leading the repainting of the boards.
      - ii. The anticipated spend is about \$500.
      - iii. They plan to ask families and children on the island to join in to help and make it a fun event.
      - iv. This will be scheduled for this spring.
4. Shadow Race pocket park update
  - a. Nancy Jonjevic has provided some ideas and concepts for the beautification plan of this park
  - b. We have a budget of \$2500 for this park
  - c. Katherine, Mike and Nancy to work together on getting foliage, seating and habitat houses [bats, birds, bees and butterflies]
    - i. Midway Gardens in Georgetown is closing and looking to move many of their plants – Nancy to work to contact them
5. Dog park replanting
  - a. Alternative surfaces for the park were priced out and have been deemed too expensive and difficult to maintain.
  - b. We plan to call Rob Schneider who assisted us with the clearing of Shadow Race to let us know what surface we may be able to easily grow.
    - i. Mike and Katherine to reach out
  - c. For now, we may just look to till the land, put seed down, rope off an area for small dogs, and paint the fence or plant just a couple trellis plants
    - i. Could use the old paint from the Wave Watch surf boards
6. Family Fun Night
  - a. There are six Tuesdays scheduled this summer beginning on 6/20 [and we will skip 7/4].
  - b. We will be using \$4k from our budget
    - i. We received \$1k from the Community Promotions Board

- ii. The motion to use \$4k was presented by Amy and seconded by Sam
  - c. The Civic Club will be donating \$500 and manpower of catering food one night and supplying volunteers to cook and serve the food.
  - d. The Exchange Club also plans to do food one night
  - e. The acts are not all booked as of yet but Roger will likely remain the MC and Teresa Parish will be doing a lot of the music.
  
- 7. Non-motorized boat ramp
  - a. A grant has been applied for through the Charleston County transportation tax
    - i. This grant is very competitive so it is unlikely we will get it
  - b. The first estimate we received was very high and with several revisions it is down to \$12k
  - c. The city does not have the money to allocate to this right now; but we plan to earmark money in our reserves to complete this project in coming years.
  - d. Laurie will remain the point person on this project
  
- 8. Beach Front lot at Washout
  - a. Plan to work on the refurbishment of the judging stand area at the washout
  
- 9. 2017-2018 Plan and Budget
  - a. Generally speaking, our budget numbers came in much too high and Amy will be working on a revision to bring it down more in line with 2016.
    - i. Amy to work with Spencer to earmark reserve funds.
  - b. All future meeting will be held in chambers and will be recorded.
  - c. May begin to look into some corporate funding or other outside funding sources to be able to more quickly tackle the larger scale projects. Need the county and city council approval to do so.
  - d. Our April meeting will focus on long range planning of larger scale projects and progress updates of projects already in process.

Next Meetings: 4<sup>TH</sup> Tuesday of each month - April 25<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>