

Parks Subcommittee Meeting
Minutes 6.20.23

Present: Mary Haskell, Andrew Sandstrom, Patricia Harrington, Derek Harwell, Elizabeth Train
On zoom: Andy Caler

Meeting called to order at 8:08 am.

This is Mary's last meeting b/c of a conflict of interest with her new Metrec position. Andrew also mentioned the board needs to approve any new members. Hoping to replace Mary's seat with another board member. Terms haven't been determined. Also, wondering about Theresa's interest. She has missed several meetings. Derek will reach out to her.

Grant update:

- GOCO-need to stay on their radar. Going for July, August of 2024. A letter of intent would need to be sent first. T Andrew needs to meet w/Cathie Pagano. He is concerned about conflicting grant requests to GOCO. (Particularly the CB/CBS multimodal trail) He also wants to see if the county would be the applicant on our behalf. GOCO is interested in collaboration for an underserved population. Andrew mentioned an adaptive park-collaborating with Adaptive Sports. Elizabeth mentioned a neuro-divergent park...could possibly collaborate w/the Rady school to design the park.
- Derek said he is asked by POA members why isn't the county stepping up and funding anything in CB South considering how much tax revenue comes from property taxes. The county leaves capital improvements to municipalities. Patricia brought up the Larkspur park-was this funded by the county? It is a public park. Patricia will do some research on the history of that.
- Andrew met w/the Lauren Kuegler w/the Community Foundation. She mentioned a resource at the library where you can research grant opportunities. They discussed having the CFGV be a fiscal sponsor for the POA. She said she would send Andrew some structure and cost info. They won't be a funding source-more of a collaborator.
- Elizabeth has a meeting w/Gates and El Pomar-do we have any connections w.board members? She has not reached out to the Daniels Fund yet. The Daniels Fund is a potential funder for the field improvements. Need to bring WESA into this conversation. Daniels Fund also supports affordable access to sports and programming-this could be an avenue for hockey funding. Grassy Creek Foundation and Epic Promise might be interested in collaborating for an adaptive park. Need to submit an inquiry to be invited to apply. Rachel Gardiner (POA board member) is a former employee of Grassy Creek so Andrew will ask her about this. Andrew will send an email to Tara at Epic Promise.
- Follow up meeting w/Ilene Roggensack in Fall to see if we are on track.

Current Summer Projects:

- We didn't get the RREO composting grant. Moving forward with other projects at sunset hall projects, a topographic survey (Andrew contacted SGM to schedule this), and

finishing the basketball court. Putting moving the compost to a new location until we have more funding or more of a plan. Need to hear from Sue Wallace.

Fundraising potential:

Derek will ask Theresa about Oktoberfest-do they donate any proceeds? Would it be ok to have a fundraising component there?

Discussion of brick fundraiser for community garden walkways? Does anyone on the committee want to look into this?

Mary will follow up w/Chelsea Stangl about the Wildflower festival and a possible donation from them.

Derek mentioned the skatepark committee could be a potential group to actively fundraise at the Oktoberfest. He has reached out to the committee to come to one of our meetings, but they haven't responded.

Tennis Court/Pickleball:

Patricia asked about any plans to improve the tennis court? The fence is not stable. In the Parks Master plan at \$300,000 for costing-not sure how accurate that is.

Other Park updates:

Skunk mitigation-contracted Davidsons to trap skunks in RM park.

Dandelion update-superbloom

Bus stop: repainted, new book shelves, but it smells like urine. Auto locking doors? Bear proof trash cans outside, instead of inside? Hook up the camera?

Meeting adjourned at 9:43.