

Candler Park Conservancy Board Meeting

December 20, 2023 (7PM - Zoom)

Present: Ryan Anderson, Dan Hanlon, Van Jensen, Alex Long, Andy Maddox, Perry Smith, Theresa Watkins, Doug Wetzel, and John Wolf

Absent: Eric Dusenbury, Eric Ericson, Amy Stout, Lauren Welsh, Jonathan Flack, Stacy Funderburke and Elliott Jones

Guest: Zack Beasley

Meeting Called to order at 7:03

Motions Presented During this Meeting:

- Motion to adopt minutes from the October 18 board meeting. **Unanimously approved**
 - Motion to appoint Andy Maddux, Theresa Watkins and Pamela Frawley to the Candler Park Conservancy Board effective this board meeting. **Unanimously approved**
-

Approved Agenda:

- Review Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Welcome Visitors
 - Governance(Perry) (5 min)
 - CP Pool & Lake Claire Pool Discussion (5 min)
 - Projects(Doug - for Amy) (10 min)
 - Development (Ryan) (10 min)
 - Finance(John Wolf) (10 min)
 - Playground Next Steps(Doug Wetzel) (10 min)
-

Opening Topics:

CP Pool & Lake Claire Pool Discussion (15 min)

- Eric Ericson is heading up this effort for the board. Three non-board members are also involved. They are having active conversations with other public/private pools in metro Atlanta.

- They are also having conversations with the City.
 - Matt Westmoreland suggested \$1 million of City money that might be available for capital improvements for the pool.
 - The group is trying to take an aggressive timeline.
 - Looking to form a sub-committee as soon as next month.
-

Committee Reports:

Board Development and Governance (Perry Smith):

- New Candidate Election - Andy Maddux, Theresa Watkins and Pamela Frawley. Unanimously approved.
- Eric Dusenbury in communication with reps from Park Pride and others to better understand the pros and cons of an MOU with the City. Meeting with Michale Halicki of Park Pride tomorrow.
- Board Recruitment and Nomination Update - None

Pamela Frawley and Andy Maddux joined the meeting after the approval for them to be appointed to the board.

Environment, Projects, and Programming:(Doug Wetzel in Amy Stout's absence)

- We have verbal approval to replant at Erwin Garden. Awaiting written approval.
- We have verbal approval to Concrete Planter, Memorial Tree, & Pavillion Timing. Awaiting written approval.
- We have bids from multiple contractors to clear the culvert PATH Creek project non North end of the creek. Best quote is \$1,050 but will not haul away debris. \$1,600 to haul away. File Happifeet tickets to get the city to do it. It was agreed we needed the debris to be hauled away. Need to discuss where we would get the funds.

Membership, Fundraising, and Communications (Ryan Anderson):

- \$2,700 in donations from website since last meeting.
- Sample brick distributed. We are moving forward with laser engraving
- One last call to purchase bricks then will gather wording from those who have purchased a brick.
- We have \$5,500 in brick orders where payment is outstanding.
- In conversations with Roger Bakeman about old bricks from last playground build.
- Movie Night - Will pick back up and look to implement in the spring. Has done some research.
- Will meet on the second Tuesday (January 9) this month instead of the first Tuesday.

Finance and Audit (John Wolf):

- The 2023 books have been closed and the 2023 budget has been archived.
- Presented the final updated 2023 annual budget with the final expenses and income.
 - Notes:
 - Ending balance of \$462,423.27
 - The only known outstanding income or expense is the uncashed check to Up the Garden Path for \$2,786
- Presented the updated 2024 annual budget. It's pretty much the same as the one we approved with a couple of adjustments:
 - Added \$3,000 to the small projects budget to cover the outstanding check referenced above. This is on top of the increase that we made in the board meeting to cover the tree work that we discussed.
 - Decreased the playground fundraising budget to \$482,750 to reflect funds recently collected. This amount equals the amount in the playground tracker.
 - Our beginning balance is \$462,423.27
 - Our expected ending balance is \$55,381 so we're in great shape. Once the playground is well underway and we're confident in the final total expense, we should be able to recast the budget and you will be able to do some great work in 2024 (in addition to the playground project, which alone makes for a great 2024!).
- Cost of filing our tax return increased from \$500 to \$2,000. This was because our filing form transitioned from a 990EZ to a 900. We may want to find a different vendor. Follow up with Amy Wheeler the Treasurer at CPNO to see if we can find a better deal.
- We just received a \$20k donation. We need to confirm this is not directed toward any special expense. John will reach out to the donor to confirm we can designate toward the general fund.
- We also just received a commitment from the Carlos Foundation for \$15,000. These funds are unrestricted. Thanks to Alex Long for making this happen!
- We can now look to expand spending in the 2024 budget. Will look to update the budget after we better know playground expenses. Will ask committee chairs to develop updates once that occurs.

Playground (Doug Wetzel):

- Developed shade plan with Perkins and Will - City is reviewing
- Developed the Tennis Hill plan - City is reviewing
- Development of project schedules are underway. Will have detailed plan at next meeting,
- Signed contract with Great Southern to do the installation
- Bricks from existing playground - Roger Bakeman is going to buy the new bricks to replace the old
- New Bricks - Ryan Anderson is spearheading engraving and vendor outreach
- Final Playground push Collections:
 - Amir Farokhi funding is underway via legislation
 - Collecting from Park Pride, CPC Board holdouts
 - Social Media plus Blast Email update to members for EOY fundraising push
 - Will do a final push for brick sales
- We will look to have a community celebration/ribbon cutting when the playground is

installed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45

Approved