

Candler Park Conservancy Board Meeting

February 21, 2024 (7PM - Zoom)

Present: Eric Dusenbury, Stacy Funderburke, Elliott Jones, Alex Long, Andy Maddox, Perry Smith, Amy Stout, Theresa Watkins, Lauren Welsh, Doug Wetzel, John Wolf

Absent: Ryan Anderson, Zack Beasley joined the meeting after he was elected, Eric Ericson, Jonathan Flack, Dan Hanlon, Van Jensen

Guest: Brian Gordon

Meeting Called to order at 7:00

Doug Wetzel - Andee Schroeder recently died and asked to collect memorial funds probably for a tree.

Motions Presented During this Meeting:

- Motion to adopt minutes from the January 17 board meeting. **Unanimously approved**

Approved Agenda:

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

Opening Topics:

CP Pool & Lake Claire Pool Discussion (Doug Wetzel)

- Meeting with Amir Farokhi about receiving funds to keep the pool open longer hours.

- Met with the Deputy Commissioner but she had not heard about the funding request.
 - Van and Eric Ericson are representing CPC in discussions but we have no formal involvement at this time.
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Committee Reports:

Board Development and Governance (Perry Smith):

- Will vote on slate of directors/members at the annual meeting - Wednesday, March 20 7:00 via Zoom.
- Will vote on officers at the April Meeting
- Board Candidate Brian Gordon is joining us tonight as a guest.

Membership, Fundraising, and Communications (Ryan Anderson):

- Need to update distribution list
- No update on movie night
- Met with deputy commissioner Rachel Maher who is in charge of community engagement. She was previously at Park Pride. Appears to be an asset to the department.
- Social media - the Parks Department is doing some painting in the parks. It is assumed this is in response to the increase in millage rate for park maintenance. Stacy encouraged us to highlight this on social media.

Amy Stout joined the meeting

Environment, Projects, and Programming:(Amy Stout)

- No February meeting
- We have approval to move forward with improvements around the picnic pavilion
- Still waiting on approval from the City on planter project that were submitted in October
- Clearing project for the culvert on the north end of the park. This will occur tomorrow (February 22) morning. Doug Wetzal and Amy Stout will meet with the company that is doing the clearing. The City will haul away debris.
- EPA tour of naturalization of the golf course culvert - March 21 2:30-5:00
- Amy Irwin Garden - Stacy to review revenue and ensure we have received enough to cover design and planting material. Actual planting will be a volunteer activity. Need to set a date for the planting. Stacy will send out a doodle poll - looking at mid-late April. Maybe align the work day with Earth Day. Stacy and John will review paper checks and online donations and identify the donations that should be earmarked for the garden. Stacy is managing the budget.
- Next meeting is the second Tuesday of March.

Finance and Audit (John Wolf):

- Not a lot of activity since the last meeting.

- Our current balance is \$474,997.
- This balance, plus committed but uncollected playground donations, less known outstanding expenses and a \$10K buffer, comfortably covers the expected playground expenses.
- Need to confirm timing of collections to make sure our cash flow can support our payment obligations.
 - Working on \$100K from Farokhi.
 - Park Pride needs to pay an invoice. We will submit once received.
 - Still trying to track down a few other commitments.
 - Still trying to track down a few brick donors to get their text
- BOND signatories will be updated after elections. Need proof of transition of signatories. Will wait until the April meeting.
- Eric will explore having a different company (Bennet Accounting Services who handles accounting for the LSPA) to do our 2023 taxes. Will get a quote and see if it is lower.

Playground (Doug Wetzel):

- Shade plan. Shade structures need to go in at the same time as the playground. We need confirmation of financing for shade structures before moving forward. Working with Kieth at the Parks Department. They need to align with our installation. It is delaying our timeline. The Shade Structure money is coming from the Active Lawn Amphitheatre.
- Bricks vendor is queued up
- Plaque vendor is queued up
- Still don't have a project installation timeline. It is dependent on shade structure financing.
- Had discussions with Deputy Parks Commissioner Rachel Maher about moving the active oval forward.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59