

## **Candler Park Conservancy Board Meeting**

February 15, 2023 (7pm, Zoom)

Present: Doug Wetzell, Kim Awbrey, Amy Stout, Ben Khler, Dan Hanlon, Jonathan Flack, Scott Lenhart, Van Jensen, Stacy Funderburke, Perry Smith, Elliot Jones

Absent: Lauren Welsh, John Wolf, Jack White, Omar Zaki

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### Motions Presented During This Meeting

- Motion to adopt minutes- adopted unanimously.
- Motion to allow the projects committee to act within their discretion in collaboration with Micah to decide on the placement of the trees – adopted unanimously.

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### Review & Approve prior Minutes

- Motion to adopt previous minutes- adopted unanimously.

### Opening topics: CPNO updates, bricks from original donors (JF, DW)

- There has been ongoing discussion regarding trying to honor the original brick donors, and a re-exploration of using the original bricks in the design.
- In revisiting the challenge, we were reminded of the design problems in physically re-integrating the old bricks, and recognition that it is not simple to incorporate the previous bricks into this new playground redesign, according to the architects. Nevertheless a solution is desired.
- Discussion is planned about how to invite dialogue and creative solutions to salvage and reuse the bricks, and discount new brick buyers.

### Governance (BK)

- The addition of a Eric Dusenbury as a new board member is proposed. Our bylaws have three different types of board members, general directors, at-large directors (3).
- At large are voted on by members at the annual meeting, general members are appointed at the board meeting with two weeks in advance.
- The strategy in nominating the current new candidate is as an At Large Director.
- Additional possible board members are currently under review within the Governance Committee.

### Finance (DW for JW)

- DW will cover finances regarding playground in later section

### Projects (AS)

- Projects Committee will implement a plan for the poolhouse plantings, with manual labor from the community as much as possible, paying for stump removal as the biggest expense.
- New committee member Dan Curl has prepared an evaluation of the tennis courts. Projects Committee will evaluate his report on the priorities for projects at the tennis courts and hopes to use as the basis for a consensus-based action plan.
- The donation of 53 trees available to CP for planting as a result of a construction project in Morningside, has been directed to CP with the help of Perkins and Will. Micah has offered a specific landscape plan indicating suggested placement of the individual trees. The plan is close to approval by the committee.

**Motion** to allow the projects committee to act within their discretion in collaboration with Micah to decide on the placement of the trees.

### Development (SF)

- March 7 will be the next meeting. SF will send the zoom link and invites external participants for fundraising both for playground and BBQ event.

### P+W Playground Discussion (DW)

- Parks Dept has made a 150k commitment to the playground.
- Committee is exploring how to avoid procurement delays with the playground. They are assessing how to attain hardware through the procurement process within the current given timeline, which looks possible, or alternatively as Chastain Park and others are exploring, might CPC use legislation to dictate that the parks dollars get delivered directly. Securing the equipment piece will be a matter of finding the best mechanism -possibly trying to avoid going through a full city procurement process. Amir has committed 100k. Confidence exists that this can happen within 6 months.
- Total cost at this point is 956k, cash committed falls close to within 100k of that. CPC has about 20k in funds which leaves about 80k funds needed, acknowledging 50k in contingency plus tennis courts reinforcement funds.
- Discussion surrounded the topic of raising enough, for example 30k, to feel secure in ordering the playground equipment and execute in the deposits.

- Need to assess engineering costs to the tennis court erosion. Company will come to do an assessment/estimate. 50k is set aside to address the erosion in that area. Engineer's feedback about the gravity of the problem/solution will inform the plan.
- Storm water runoff is causing issues with the slope, idea of paying a small amount of around \$600 to an engineer to assess the feasibility or any interventions is circulated.
- We have 80k more to raise, assuming parks gives the 150k. Once within 30k, CPC can confidently order the equipment.
- SF will send an update that we can share with individuals for an email fundraiser and communication outreach.
- Finance is attempting to devise committee budgets for this year, keeping in mind the priority of the playground this year, assuming that we can redirect projects budget to address the need at the playground

#### CP Decides

- Bond- placeholder. No news currently
- All aiming to push through with playground project.

Thank you all- your time is appreciated!

The end!