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CITY OF LAKE GENEVA HILLMOOR AD HOC COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023 - 4:00 PM
LAKE GENEVA CITY HALL; POLICE TRAINING ROOM (UPPER LEVEL)

Members:

Mayor Charlene Klein, Deborah Beagle, David Quickel, Skip Atwell, Henry Sibbing, Adam St. Marie, Cherie Borowicz, Michael Krajovic, Fred Gahl, Celine Lillie, Karen Yancey, Paula Porbucan, Laurie Weed, and Norine Smyth

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of the July 20, 2023 Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee minutes as prepared and distributed
4. Remarks by Chief Ed Gritzner regarding public access to the property
5. Remarks by Mayor Klein - approval by Common Council to continue with our efforts, timeline goals, etc.
6. Update from Friends of Hillmoor on activity and fundraising – Betty Volquardsen
7. Review of projects to be studied for feasibility per the minutes of the July 6th meeting
8. Formation of 2 person teams to gather information regarding design and funding of proposed projects to report back to the committee in 6 weeks, project feasibility form
9. Discussion on Future Public Input sessions
10. Next Meeting Date & Time
 - a. Thursday, August 17 (park in city hall lot) – Update from Conservancy, informational presentation by Kemper Sports – general discussion
 - b. Thursday, August 31 -Information from James Killian, Kiswauketo Nature Preserve, Informational presentation by David VanZelst regarding landscaping/design
11. Adjournment

*This is a meeting of the Hillmoor Ad Hoc Committee.
No official City Council action will be taken; however, a quorum of the Council may be present.*

1) Call to Order 4:04pm

2) Roll Call

Present

Mayor Klein
Deborah Beagle
Dave Quickel
Skip Atwell
Henry Sibling
Adam St.Marie
Michael Krajovic
Fred Gahl
Celine Lillie
Paula Porubacn
Lawrie Weed
Donna Giovanni

Absent

Karen Yancey Excused
Cherie Browiec Excused

3) Meeting Minutes Approved

4) Monday 24th 6:00pm Council Meeting motion

- We will ask the City Council what they would like us to do next if anything?

Michael: Is it possible to have City Council give assignments/task force so one or two people can go to investigate specific items.

Mayor: Yes

Fred: I think the cleaner and more simple we can keep this the better.

Michael: Is there anything else we can envision that we would like clarity on? Hank suggested we ask for their input or direction.

Celine: We agreed on the knolls Nelson, Amphitheater, Golf Course, Arboretum, Disc Golf, Playground

Paula: There are other things that we know the public has said they are interested in but we have not heard from experts on or gathered information on so that's probably something we would want to figure out how we would go about doing that. What would a playground look like? What would a garden look like? What would be planted and where?

Lawrie: Do we want to bring up topographical study?

Michael: It's possible within three weeks to finish that and we can give them an update on that.

Donna: FOH has the Badger High School room reserved for a Hillmoor update meeting that's open to the public.

Adam:

Deborah: Should we ask the Council if they have some money set aside to do some smaller projects?

Mayor: I think what you're asking will be answered next Tuesday by the staff. This is their busiest time of the year. I am going to talk to all of them about that. Tree clearing/graffiti removal etc. I will see if the Council is open to compiling a budget to address those things.

Dave: When you mentioned August, you're talking about opening it for us right or are you saying the City?

Mayor: No, it would be to open it up for the City.

Deborah: So maybe there is some signage there that says "Open from sunrise to sunset"

Mayor: Yeah, we can do that. If it becomes problematic then we just close the chain again.

Michael: So are we going to propose the wording for the presentation we are going to talk to the Council?

Paula: Do we want them to accept the vision statement?

Michael: Are putting the official wording we would like them to approve.

Hank: I think a resolution based on the wording we already have.

Michael: "I think preliminary research analysis and evaluation of projects based on compatibility with the vision and objectives of the committee."

All: Agreed.

Mayor: We have a very full agenda on August 17th but August 3, I don't have much and would like to hear from the Friends of Hillmoor. Or, I'm going to propose that we postpone until August 17th.

Hank: We could review and follow up on August 3rd from what the Council told us.

Fred: I think we should explore creative ideas to help manage people at Hillmoor in the meantime. Maybe we have designated trails or trail guides at specific times.

Hank: I think parking is going to be an issue. I think we ought to limit Hwy. 50 entrance. Maybe we ought to limit access to where the Disc Golf Course starts. Perhaps Aug. 3 we should talk about what it looks like to open temporarily.

Donna: Remember when the LLC owned the property there were no chains inhibiting the property and people didn't go in.

Dave: There was a chain there.

Donna: No, there wasn't.

Fred: Well, we should discuss opening the Hillmoor and plan ahead. It would be somewhat irresponsible on our part to not have some broad parameters.

Hank: Mayor, can you ask the staff what their concerns are about this when you meet with them. If they aren't concerned then we aren't concerned.

Lawrie Weed: We are micromanaging right now. Our job is long term planning.

Hank: Oh, I thought we were going to be advisory on that but if we don't want that then let's just see what the staff needs.

Paula: Do you think Karen will be available to talk about where we are at on the trails.

Lawrie: Wasn't there a well that needed to be capped?

Donna: I noticed that they trimmed the trees around that well area and they removed the sticks in the culverts that were along Haskins.

Mayor: I believe Public Works are taking down a building there.

Meeting Adjourned: Donna motioned, seconded, all in favor. 4:51pm