

1) Call to Order: AdHoc 2/29/2024

2) Attendance:

Mayor Klein
Deborah Beagle
Dave Quickel
Skip Atwell
Henry Sibiing
Adam St.marie
Cherie Borowiec
Michael Krajovic
Fred Gahl
Paula Porubcan
Lawrie Weed
Betty Volquardsen
Peggy Schneider

Absent:

Karen Yancey

Celine Lillie (resigned)

Norine Smyth (resigned)

3) Meeting Minutes Approval

4) Report from Friends of Hillmoor

- They applied for a grant from the Garden Club for some signs on the property.
- Grants may not be given till the end of summer

5) Status of the opening of the Hillmoor property temporary trails

- Fred: We should really make a celebration of this. We should work with FOH.
- Hank: Will there be any rules and regulations for Hillmoor?
- Lawrie: At the other parks they have a big sign that says the rules and regulations are we planning on doing that? We can make this larger and its under glass so we can make
- Mayor: Generally this is from Dawn to Dusk.
- Sam: The gate will be closed so people do not drive on the road through it. The parking lot will be accessible but the trails will be closed.
- Mayor: The suggestion from the police chief is to include just basic information and as the park develops we can add more specific items to the Hillmoor. Ex: You cannot grill in library park but you can in some of the other parks.
- Peggy: Some of this will be addressed in the Park meeting which is the third tuesday of the month.

6) Status of the Archeology Grant: Paula Porubcan

- We did get the grant from the CLG for \$30,000.
- We will need a project manager for this and Peg has agreed to be a co-project manager with me.
- Mayor: Congratulations and thank you Paula for your hard work on this.
- This will have a public education component to this as well.
- Michael: Is there any role that Samantha can play?
- Paula: Yes, absolutely. Why don't we get you briefed on this and I will get you the full grant application that was sent.
- Paula: I will be talking about this at the COW meeting?

7) Knowles-Nelson Grant: Paula Porubcan

- GLC is still willing to submit the Grant even though our priorities on the Hillmoor have changed.
- Do we want to shift our priorities and budget around for this before presenting it to City Counsel?
- Dave: What does the project manager manage?
- Paula: We need someone to oversee getting all the requests for proposals from contractors and the coordination of communication between the departments and the contractors.
- Paula: Do you have a thought on that, Samantha?
- Samantha: Not right now.
- Dave: Would we be able to interview them here?
- Paula: I think that's a good idea.
- Michael: The City could do this internally couldn't it?
- Paula: Yes, they could
- Michael: It's possible that the landscape architect can also handle the project management portion of this as well.
- Betty: Do you think it's realistic to get this grant proposal in by **May 1, 2024** ?
- Paula: It's 90% done we are just revising it. Once we get the money we have 2 years to spend it. We could take that first year to work with the landscape architect to figure out how we want to use it.
- Lawrie: What you want then is to get your numbers firmed up a bit before going to counsel right? Do you think this 50k is a realistic figure?
- Paula: I am not sure, we were just trying to estimate what we thought it could cost. For the Linear Foot price I used Karen's numbers that were broken down by LF and I looked at independent sources which were much higher than what GLC had factored in for pricing.
- Betty: I think we have to take a step back. We presented this information a few meetings ago. Is this really how we want to spend 250k or do we want to spend more money along hwy 50 and main st. where people see it or do we want it to be where people don't usually go?
- Paula: What do we want to prioritize in a grant like this?

- Fred: What I think you are saying is that we should get it and we have 2 years to fine tune it and in the wildest scenario we don't take the grant or give it back.
- Michael: The City put 242,500 aside for this.
- Lawrie: My comment would be to make this request for 485,000 but put the 50k in the Remainder column.
- Hank: It's hard to find someone who can do the 6' wide permeable asphalt up and down hills.
- Paula: I agree that it's frustrating that we are up against a deadline again. But the council needs to approve it in April.
- Michael: It would be great to make a final decision and vote for the next meeting.
- Paul: I gave you guys a full packet of the grant information, there are a few mistakes that were found in there. If everybody can look through that grant application that would be helpful.
- The GLC is concerned primarily with the wetlands if we do not do anything in the wetlands then the GLC may pull out entirely.
- Betty: What I am asking is do we want to consider not going into the wetlands at all and putting the money into zone 1.
- Michael: What we are looking at here is a compromise for the GLC where we are limiting what we are doing in the wetlands.
- Mayor Klein: We are not meeting until March 14th when Karen will be back.

Fred: I would like to make a motion to include the parks for kids scattered around the City.

Hank: I will second: How about if we say something to the effect of

"In the spirit of inviting the community into the park, include deconstructed playgrounds, fitness equipment and green restrooms along the trails in Hillmoor as it can be integrated into the other concepts presented."

Fred: In reality we will have professional designers fine tune this.

All in favor: Aye. None opposed.

Mayor Klein: I just want to clarify some things that were brought up in the presentation. Neil from public works did an assessment of the parks and the Park Board is going to do a budget presentation to council. Paula, you brought up the NSN playland. I want to clear up some misconceptions. The reason that they decided to move to Delavan is that we have a policy concerning things that are donated to the City. That if something over \$2,500 is donated to the city then they need to donate ongoing funds. We met many times with that group and they did not agree with our policy so they decided to move to Delavan. Admittedly we do not have a playground at veterans park because it was aging and unsafe and we were anticipating that group building a playground this fall.

Michael: It sounds like the City council should maybe look into that law because this could be an impediment to anything that we do on Hillmoor that is above \$2,500.

Mayor Klein: To clear up how funding works, public works put a placeholder in the 2024 budget for funding of the maintenance for the Never Say Never playground but that was for general cleaning and the staging of the project.

Dave Quickell: We always wanted to work with the NSN playground and we were enthusiastic about working with them but when we met with them they never had their numbers clear.

Mayor Klein: I went with them out to Franklin and was very excited.

Mayor: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Adam: Second