

Hillmoor AdHoc 3/28/2024

1. Call to Order at 4:00 pm

2. Roll Call

Present:

Mayor Klein

Deborah Beagle

Dave Quickel

Henry Sibbing

Cherie Borowiec

Fred Gahl

Karen Yancey

Paula Porubcan

Lawrie Weed

Betty Volquardsen

Peggy Schneider

Absent:

Skip Atwell

Adam St. Marie

Michael Krajovic

3. Approval of Minutes

4. Report from Friends of Hillmoor - Betty

- a. Waiting for approval of additional clean-up dates from FLR
- b. Paula has the ecology grant to do the dig and explore the area. One of the speakers is the State Archeologist
- c. FOH is applying for a grant for a speaker or a series of speakers and materials to share the history of the area. They are working with the library.
- d. Fred asked if FOH is planning a grand opening event
- e. Samantha Ingo will look into coordinating a grand opening event
- f. Samantha reports that the hope is for Hillmoor to be open by the end of April

5. Presentation from the Water Fun sub-group (Betty and Hank)

- a. "Winter fun at Hillmoor" presentation - Hank
50 yrs ago there was an ice skating experience at the Riviera
- b. Memo from HTG Architects – Kyle Pederson

Kyle Pederson joined via Microsoft Teams to discuss “Rink in a Box”

Questions:

1) Lawrie: Why is there such a wide range of pricing?

KP: The pricing is based on previous groups and locations: location itself, soil conditions, topography

Lawrie: Site preparation

2) Cherie: This area should be a natural area with recreational elements... not commercialized and no tournaments. Can you design a community rink?

KP: We can create a standard size rink or a smaller rink which is called a studio rink.

3) Paula: Would you explain the maintenance costs of a refrigerated vs non-refrigerated rink?

KP: A refrigerated rink is a concrete slab with refrigerated piping throughout the concrete (this is what indoor rinks have). It will need to be resurfaced with a Zamboni.

A non-refrigerated rink is dependent on the elements. It needs to be flooded, then scraped and then resurfacing with a Zamboni.

Without a roof structure, you will need to shovel the surface.

4) Karen: With climate change, we would need a refrigerated rink.

5) Deborah: Can it be used during the off season, a multi-purpose space?

KP: There is a large facility in Edina, MN that has put athletic tiles on top of it during the off season. It could be used as a basketball court, or pickleball court.

c. “Water Fun Options” presentation – Betty

d. Cherie made a motion to explore the option for a splash pad and refrigerated ice rink without warming stations or pavilion.

2nd by Karen

Discussion:

-Dave shared that 20 years ago a company from Janesville approached the Park Board about placing a splash pad at Library Park. The city attorney at the time said that the insurance costs would be prohibitive.

Vote: Mayor Klein- Yes

Deborah Beagle- Yes

Dave Quickele- Yes

Henry Sibbing- Yes

Cherie Borowiec- Yes

Fred Gahl- Yes
Karen Yancey- Yes
Paula Porubcan- Yes
Lawrie Weed- Yes
Betty Volquardsen- Yes
Peggy Schneider- Yes

- e. Fred made a second motion to explore options for having a public pool.
2nd by Hank

Discussion:

-Hank felt people in the community would like to discuss the option
-Fred stated that the revenue generated by the beach last summer was \$700,000, so we might have a potential spot for funding the pool
-Paula expressed concerns about a pool requiring more infrastructure, a lot of buildings and parking lots
-Fred shared that if communities are funding their pools there must be some implied value or they would have shut them down. Given that there is value in exploring the expense.

Vote: Mayor Klein- Yes
Deborah Beagle- Yes
Dave Quicke- Yes
Henry Sibbing- Yes
Cherie Borowiec- Yes
Fred Gahl- Yes
Karen Yancey- No
Paula Porubcan- Yes
Lawrie Weed- No
Betty Volquardsen- Yes
Peggy Schneider- Yes

6. Drone video of Hillmoor and comments (Gary Millette)
- See "Climate Change and After Shutting Down, These Golf Courses Went Wild" handouts
 - He grew up in Lake Geneva
 - Showed a drone video of Hillmoor which was taken last week.
 - Drainage pipes feed into the White River
 - Discussed flood plain area
 - Water drains into Hillmoor, multiple areas of flooding
 - Sewer and water lines present near Home Depot/ Target area
 - Abandoned power lines

- “City has made a lot of money by doing nothing”
 - Was 100 year flood plain
 - Color of vegetation shows that there is water that drains
 - Dead trees in the “buildable area”
 - 2015 White River flooded closing Hwy 50
 - Discussed and showed drone video of Town of Linn Nature Preserve (across from Reek School)
 - Grass trails
 - 20 year Tall Prairie Grass restoration through Geneva Lake Conservancy
 - “Hillmoor should not be used to make money, and should be designed for the Lake Geneva residents”
 - Permeable asphalt has clogging issues
7. Memorandum from City Attorney Daniel S. Draper dated February 7, 2024 distributed
8. Letter from Mike Kramp (YMCA) to the City
- Mayor reports the YMCA pulled the Letter of Intent” from the City and will work with the Hillmoor AdHoc Committee
9. Karen is working on the KN grant to be submitted by May 1st.
10. Next Meeting:
- April 11, 2024 (City Council Chambers)
 - Cherie made motion to adjourn
 - 2nd by Fred/Hank