Final Approved

Birchwood Parks and Natural Resources Committee Meeting City Hall Oct 24, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Members in attendance were: Houstoun Clinch, Bridget Speri, arrived a bit late, Ana Vang, Judy Walker, James Nelson, Dave Remely. Absent Member: Scott Howe

City Council representative Megan Malvey was present. Larry Walker who has been working on the survey was present.

Meeting was called to order by Houstoun Clinch .

Draft of the Minutes of the previous meeting was distributed for review and approved.

Discussion items

Resident Mr. Charles Kaufmann of 543 Wildwood Ave was also present and a one point in the meeting he requested that some of his previous research and surveys be added to ours. It was agreed that the agenda for the next meeting include 10 minutes for Mr. Kaufmann to discuss his data.

The need for volunteers being needed for the ice rink was discussed.

The guiding principles for our committee, presented to the City Council and the council decided to go with them for now. James Nelson requested his vote for the principles be changed to a no vote as he disagrees with one of the items.

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to have the entry boundaries of the Ash Trail marked so they are identified as public spaces, Dave Remely seconded. Vote: 3 yes, 2 no. Motion passed.

Agenda items

Update on Survey: Park maintenance is heavily mentioned. The survey needs to be formulated at the next meeting. Send feed back to Larry Walker. It is intended to have the survey results in the next mailing of the water bill.

It was suggested that John Lund come to one of our meetings to discuss maintenance.

We need a maintenance priority list.

Funds for Maintenance: See below

Budget for Park Development. Megan Malvey presented the proposed 2018 budget under consideration by the City Council, copy attached. It is not complete and will be discussed at our next meeting

Deer Issue: A copy of an existing ordinance to be revised by the City Council was presented. Ana Vang motioned that Education material be added to support the ordinance. Motioned Passed. Dave Remely motioned that a warning be first issued before being fined be added to the ordinance, motion passed.

Capital Improvement Plan: It was suggested that some of the projects suggested in the survey could go into the capital improvement plan.

Care for new plantings: No discussion.

Other

A discussion was held regarding agenda topics for the next meeting Nov 28th, 7pm, They include:

Survey

Budget

Birch Beech rain garden

Date of our next meeting.

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