

Community Land and Recreation Board Meeting
January 14, 2015
MINUTES
Meeting 109

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm. Roll was called by Tom Barnard. Members present were, Michelle Flamm, Adam Zink, Bill Noble, Neil Davidson, Chris Cardwell, Phil Wassmer, William Gresham, and Susan Robb. Laura Ozenberger was absent with prior notice. Liaison, Marc Sportsman present. Alysén Abel, Tom Barnard and Tim Blakeslee were present from the City.

2. Citizen Input – Carla Dods representing Platte Land Trust, approached the Board about the desire to have native grasses and flowers along the Platte Landing Park trail between the trail and Highway 45. The goal is to have flowers bloom throughout the season and to help with the migration of the Monarch Butterfly. Maintenance responsibility for the native plants would be the Platte Land Trust volunteers. Mowing time would be done once a year by City Staff, but in turn will reduce mowing time throughout the normal mowing season. Susan Robb asked if there would be any signage. Dods responded yes while in progress and afterwards once established as well. Liaison Marc Sportsman inquired on how much they expected to ask with for the Outreach Grant. Dods responded about \$2 per sq. ft. and this would be approximately \$3,000 - \$4,000. Overall the Board felt this would be a nice addition to the 45 Highway corridor and great for viewing the Monarch Butterflies.

3. Consent Agenda

Adam Zink motioned to approve the minutes from the November 12th meeting. Susan Robb seconded the motion. Motion approved 8-0.

4. Action Agenda

No Action Items for Meeting 109

5. Non-Action Agenda

- A. Missouri River Clean Up.** Vicki Richmond executive director of the Healthy Rivers Partnership (HRP) is interested in a Missouri River clean-up project and would like to use the boat ramp at Platte Landing Park for coordination efforts. Richmond presented a slide show showing the groups commitment to river clean-ups, river education, and riparian restoration. With the extent of cost and public service being provided for this river clean up in the Parkville area, a fee waiver by city staff is recommended. CLARB will review the application and vote to approve the fee waiver at our February meeting. Richmond inquired about the possibility of an in-kind donation of a loader and operator to place river debris in a dumpster provided by HRP at the conclusion of the clean-up if possible.

- B. Discussion on a donation and public/partnership program for City Parks.** City Staff and CLARB discussed ways to better take advantage of future donation requests. City staff plans to create a donation program that includes a menu of items and/or projects that are good candidates for future donations in the city parks. As previously discussed with the Community Land and Recreation Board (CLARB), city staff believes there are a number of ideal locations for bench donations in Platte Landing Park and in English Landing Park. City Staff brainstormed with CLARB members about other possible donation ideas including trees, smaller donation zones, dog park amenities, shelters, and other park equipment. Discussion included creating a community fundraising opportunity for a large project and being sure to also recognize all donors. City staff plans to research and create a donation program for review and adoption by CLARB and the Board of Aldermen at a future meeting.

6. Staff Updates on Activities:

A. Parks

1. **Outreach Grant Update.** Tom Barnard submitted designs and pricing on shade structures at the dog park in Platte Landing Park. Maintenance free structures with metal roofs were favored over canvas type structures which didn't provide the durability needed along the river bottom. A design that was similar to the shelters in English Landing Park was favored. Barnard also updated the Board with the 1st priority on the Outreach Grant for a new restroom with expanded facilities to include a heated family restroom for year round use. He stated preliminary cost to be around \$200,000.
2. **Preliminary Shelter / Bench concepts for Platte Landing Park.** Barnard presented pictures of current Platte Landing Park so the Board could visualize possible areas for shelters and/or benches for the next phase of Platte Landing Park. The Board was asked what they would envision along the riverfront as this development progresses. Ideas suggested were limited and predetermined sitting areas that best fit with any implementation of shelter houses. Shelter house access (vehicles) could be limited with easements and perhaps a passive concept with fewer amenities would fit best in Platte Landing Park. Adam Zink mentioned solar lighting around the back loop of the Martin-Marietta Trail may help with some degree of security without being too obtrusive. Barnard stated he would look into cost and feasibility and thanked the Board for the ideas that were expressed.
3. **Tree City "USA".** Barnard stated that the Parks Department completed the Tree Resource and Improvement and Maintenance

Grant (TRIM). The Grant award of \$8,100 provided a large boost to maintain trees that were potential hazards around the playgrounds, shelters and other high profile pedestrian traffic areas. Barnard will submit a press release for the award and thanked the Missouri Department of Conservation.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS FROM THE BOARD

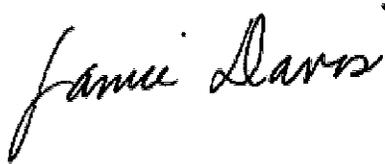
A. Reminder for February elections.

8. Adjourn

Adam Zink motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. Bill Noble seconded the motion. Motion approved 8-0.

The minutes for January 14, 2015, having been read and considered by the Board, and having found to be correct as written, were approved on this the 11th day of February, 2015.

Submitted by:



Janice Davis