

Fulshear Parks Commission: Rescheduled Meeting 4/24/2015

Members present: Dave Bundrick, CJ McDaniel, Tajana Mesic and Ramona Ridge

Others in attendance: CJ Snipes

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by Chairman Dave Bundrick

Minutes to approve minutes of 3/27/2015 made by CJM, second by RR. All in favor.

There was a quorum present.

I. Forever Fulshear. Ramona reported that there was great turnout for the day in spite of threatening weather. 1093 was a primary focus and was cleaned well. Yung had plenty of food for everyone. Lots of Cross Creek people participating. Ramona indicated that there are new community gardens available. CJ also mentioned the Huggins Elementary garden behind the school.

II. Financial Review. Kristi Brashear reported on the Commission budget and current financial position. One item regarding a debit of \$11,200 was noted due to an overpayment in 2014 of fees to the Commission by Johnson Properties. Those funds have been reimbursed to Johnson. It was noted that many of the developers are behind in their payments of development fees and Kristi is formulating a plan to follow up on invoicing all the developers per their individual development plans for these funds. It is anticipated that this could be as much as \$400,000.

III. Francis Smart Park. Dave indicated he has kept this on the agenda to see what might be done in this park to improve it as well as better serve the citizens of Fulshear. CJ Snipes reported that a local individual who has significant land holdings has offered to clean and refresh the park in consideration of allowing him to hold a weekly flea market on site. The individual is also interested in a possible land swap that might allow him to take this land in exchange for similar property in the city. The general feeling of the Commission is that this might not be a favorable use of the donated land, but the Commission will entertain any consideration made through normal channels.

Discussion was held on possible elements within the park including a skateboard site, which might cost as much as \$300,000. An alternative might be an outdoor basketball court which would be significantly less expensive.

Sethora West initially gave this land to Francis Smart, who donated it to the City. Ms. Smart would prefer the park be renamed for Ms. West. This is something that can be considered as the Commission considers elements and final disposition, if any, of the park. Ramona will be contacting Ms. Smart to see if she has any preferences for the park.

IV. Garden Signage. CJ McDaniel reported that PlantsMap provides an online link to allow entities like ours to have a presence on line identifying all flora and fauna through signs that are QR coded. The service is free with the purchase of signs. The signs are \$4.25 including stakes. Ramona moved the Commission proceed with the signage project. Seconded by Tajana. CJ M will handle the necessary elements for getting this on line upon receipt of the list of plants within the garden. Additional signage for the butterflies will be finalized by Ramona and CJM.

V. Garden Mural. Ramona brought proposal from Teresa Staley, a professional muralist. The initial projection of cost is \$3,000-\$3,400 for the restroom building. It was discussed we proceed with this consideration and invite Ms. Staley to attend the next meeting to present her materials.

It was also discussed that we continue to consider how to bring the kids into the garden plan by possibly allowing them to paint a mural on the back building.

VI. Grand Opening of Pollinator Garden. With the other activities scheduled for tomorrow and the short lead time, it was decided to pass on the spring opening in lieu of better timing and to allow all the elements to be completed. Rather, the Commission will consider a Fall Dedication. This item will be in the next agenda for final approval. Tajana has agreed to take charge of this program.

The regular meeting was convened to move to Executive Session as 10:06 AM and regular session resumed at 10:26 AM.

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 AM on May 8, 2015. Motion by Tajana to adjourn and second by Ramona with meeting adjourned at 10:29 AM.