



PARKS & TREES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES – February 7, 2017

Members Present: Mary Sue Truesdale, Bob Williams, Thelma Rutledge, Diana Wenman, Barb Willens and Jane Miller

Members Absent: Maureen Renault

Staff Present: Liz Gilland, Urban Forester

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: March 7, 2017 at 3:00pm / meet at Public Works Office for field trip

The meeting was opened at 4:40 p.m. by Liz. The minutes from the January 2017 meeting were reviewed and corrected as needed. Diana motioned to accept the minutes, Barb seconded and all approved.

CITY UPDATE:

New parking lot – The site prep is completed and landscaping will be installed by Howard Wallace with Sassafra Landscaping in the coming weeks.

Underground improvements – Underground improvements continue throughout the historic district, the Mill Village and will soon begin on Walnut Street.

Budget requests – Each of the various departments are working on their budget requests for the coming fiscal year 2017-2018. Liz said that she will again be asking for funding for tree removal/pruning and a variety of miscellaneous park improvement projects. Also requested are funds for a capital improvement project to rehabilitate Walnut Street from Broad to Lytleton Street, however this is a very large funding amount and not sure if there will be funds to accommodate the request.

Tennis Complex – The proposed landscape schematic for the planned tennis complex was shown to the group. There are a lot of trees and shrubs that will be planted and should look very nice when completed. Liz said that she hopes that the City will be able to retain some of the trees adjacent to Campbell and Gordon Streets and will survey the trees along those boundaries soon. Bob expressed an interest in going along so a date will be coordinated.

KC Farmer's Market – The Kershaw County Farmer's Market will be re-locating back into town next spring. The Farmer's Market Association has bought 2 lots on Clyburn Lane between Broad and Market Streets and plans to build an open-air structure of some type. A handful of trees, mostly hackberry's, will have to be removed but they would like to retain 2 large pecans, a magnolia and an elm.

Kendall Lake Park and Kendall Park – Invasive weeds have been found in both of these parks and the city is in the process of getting quotes for aquatic weed control. The weeds are not only invasive but are also clogging the flow of water. The city will also be investigating getting sterile grass carp to stock in the lake. They are good at controlling specific types of weeds that aquatic herbicides are not effective at eradicating.



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OLD BUSINESS

Citizen Survey for Parks – Liz shared the draft survey with Mel Pearson, City Manager. He liked it and requested that it be brought before Council during a work session for their review and approval. Hopefully the current draft can be finalized by the end of February and the survey can be distributed in whole or in part early spring of 2017.

Parks Inventory - It was mentioned by Barb, that last year we did not finish touring all of the city parks and since Diana is new to the group, it was decided to visit the parks that were missed last spring. Everyone thought this was a good idea so for the March meeting we will meet at 3pm in front of the Public Works Dept for a field trip.

NEW BUSINESS

LLBR – The requested locations for Jim McGuirt's bench are Hampton Park and Rectory Square. Everyone was ok with approving either location.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:33pm.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Gilland, Camden Urban Forester

Approved