

Friends of James River Park

Board Meeting
September 6th, 2016
6:30 PM

Attendance

Larry Socha
PJ Fanning
Scott Silvester
Mary Kay Martin
Karen Thomas
Myrna Hartley
Conner Jenkins
Cat Anthony
Justin Doyle (JRA)
Lauren Miner
Nathan Burrell
Greg Velzy
Shawna Shade
Katherine Mitchell
Nancy Fowler

Minutes of August meeting - Approved with stated amendments

Conner Jenkins project presentation -- Showed 130 photos which are linked to service amenities & activities throughout the park.

The Floodwall is not on the existing map and Google maps has a lot of features that we are not using

Treasurer's Report -- we are within \$1300 of our P&P goal

Jamie Canup suggested that we develop an investment strategy for the P&P fund

Park Superintendent Report – Nathan

Added a 14' map to the Reedy Creek park center wall. This is an updated representation of the park.

Timmons group and 3North is currently developing plans for storage facilities at the Reedy Creek site. This proposal is not currently funded.

Utilities is open to adding Williams Island into the conservation easement. Also Nathan is working on vacating a 3 acre parcel of land in the North Bank area because of requests from members of the local neighborhood.

Looking into transforming the 22nd street parking to forest.

15 entities making money off of the park, most do not have a permit. He is considering allocating time slots for these organizations. At this time permitted monies go into the general fund. Nathan has a general agreement with the city to have these monies go to his budget.

Norman Merrifield the parks & recreation director is retiring at the end of 9/16.

James River clean up is scheduled for 9/10.

Strategic Plan

Katherine, Greg, Mary Kay, & Nathan met to develop preliminary plans regarding the master plan for the James River Park.

They decided to secure bids for consultant fees for a 10 year park plan

Secure economic development study

Committee Reports

Finance (Myrna)

The check from the DMV arrived. The total contribution was \$28,000.

Communications (P.J.)

Lauren gave a writers workshop at the Pumphouse. The next workshops are scheduled for September 25th & October 30th.

PJ & Mary Helen are meeting with an interested party to see if she will commit to handling Mary Helen's contribution to the maintenance of our Facebook page.

Advocacy discussed adding funding for the "missing link" to increase access to the area between the eastern end of Belle Isle and the Manchester bridge.

Justin is going to attend the Mayoral meeting on September 29th at the VMFA. Working to express our desires to the Mayoral candidates.

Fundraising (Katherine)

We will discuss the "memorial option question" at the retreat.

Events (Kelly)

JRAC is organizing a cleanup at Pony Pasture, Reedy Creek, and Shiplock for September 10th.

The annual board meeting is scheduled for September 25th.

Lauren Miner has a workshop scheduled for September 25th at the Pumphouse.

Mayoral forum at the Forest Hill Presbyterian church on the 20th.

Coyote forum on the 29th

President's Comments

We will invite the five board members who recently left the board to the September retreat to join us for the dinner portion of the board.

Other

Adrienne is no longer with the board.

The Capital Region Land Conservancy (CRLC) has asked us to contribute to their professional expenses for the Land Trust Alliance.

Old business

P&P policy work meeting with Jamie Canup will be tentatively scheduled for November.