

Friends of the James River Park Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Meeting Minutes

Board members in attendance:

Katherine Mitchell, President
Mary Kay Martin, Vice President
Justin Doyle, Secretary
Cat Anthony
Georgia Busch
Byron Chafin
Scott Dickens
Jake Savage
Scott Silverster
Kevin Tobin
Greg Velzy
Cary Wing
Brittany Zamborksy

Staff members in attendance:

Bryce Wilk, Park Superintendent
Shawna Shade, Friends of the James River Park

Guests in attendance:

Chris Dewitt, VHB
Mark Wickham, Invasive Plant Task Force

Introductions

Guests in attendance, Chris Dewitt of VHB and Mary Wickham of the Invasive Plant Task Force, introduced themselves.

Meeting Minutes

Justin Doyle circulated minutes from the August board meeting. Kevin Tobin motioned to approve the minutes. Mary Kay Martin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Park Superintendent's Report

Bryce Wilk reported a wonderful summer with busy weekends. The mural at the 21st Street entrance to the park system is underway. The artist is Mack Wood. Interviews for the Operations and Maintenance Crew Chief were held two weeks ago. Maintenance on the Potterfield Memorial Bridge is scheduled to begin tomorrow. Dredging at Ancarrow's Landing is complete and the boat ramp opened Labor Day weekend. A permit was issued for five years. Dredging at Brown's Island is scheduled for November. The annual James River Regional Cleanup is on September 14. Cleanups are planned for Ancarrow's Landing, Belle Isle, Pony Pasture, and Texas Beach. A kiosk will be installed at Pump House Park soon. A tree fell on the accessibility ramp at Pump House Park. Staff has a full schedule of education programs this fall and seasonal staff members are staying on board.

Treasurer's Report

Dean Brunson is absent. Shawna Shade reported 16 individuals became members or renewed their memberships in the last month.

James River Park Master Plan

Chris Dewitt of VHB presented the draft implementation plan for the master plan. Short-term actions are planned for one to years following plan adoption, mid-term actions are planned for two to five years, and long-term actions are planned for five to ten years. VHB is working on final edits. An informational presentation was given to the Urban Design Committee. City Planning Commission and City Council will consider formal adoption of the plan this fall.

Committee Reports

Events Committee: Byron Chafin reported the James River Jubilee was fun and Friends of the James River Park had good interactions with attendees. Jake Savage assisted Byron and Bryce stopped by during the event.

Brittany Zamborsky suggested selecting an alternative venue for the membership event scheduled for Thursday, September 26. Bryce suggested Legend Brewing Co. and discussion ensued. Legend Brewing Co. is the preferred venue. Brittany offered to invited elected officials. Scott Dickens will create an invitation.

Communications Committee: Scott Dickens reported the newsletter will go out in mid-September. The membership event invitation will go out this week.

Membership Committee: No report.

Board Development Committee: No report.

Advocacy Committee: No report.

Finance Committee: No report.

New Business

Board Contacts and Committee Lists

Shawna distributed the updated board contacts and committees lists. Katherine Mitchell would like to convene members of the Executive Committee in the near future.

Election of Officers

Kevin Tobin motioned to nominate Katherine Mitchell for President, Mary Kay Martin for Vice President, Dean Brunson for Treasurer, Justin Doyle for Secretary. Greg Velzy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: October 1, 2019 at 6:30 pm