

Shoal Creek Park Foundation Minutes

February 2020

Members present: Dee Woodham, Susan Fulmer, Philip Busby, Marty Everse, Susan Fulmer, Cheryl Patton, Carey Heatherly, Kelly Wacker, Rusty Nix, Chris Stano

Members absent: Mike Hardig, Nisa Miranda, John Nix, Sue Wilder-White, Kelly Wacker, Ashton Cottingham

Ex Officio present: Steven Weir

Ex-officio absent: Hollie Cost, Mike Jones (representing Tom Walker), Alex Dudchock, Mary Ellen Hueton (representing John Stewart)

Guests present: Maggie Benson (Mayor's Assistant), Shane Baugh (Park Director)

Dee called the meeting to order at 1:02pm. Announced that future meetings will be in the conference room at Parnell Memorial Library.

1. Board and Officer Elections and Financial Report

Financial Report: (Susan Fulmer)

\$87,448.67 Trustmark Account: year to date

\$1,000 Regions account (for donations)

Shoal Creek Park Foundation must complete a Form 990. A \$225 fee for accountant Wayne Barber to complete this process was approved.

No changes in D&O.

Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham donation from Dee for \$5,000.

New Board Members: Slate of candidates and officers were presented and approved. (See attached)

2. Update on park: (Dee Woodham)) Betty Loop Trail was created. Gaby Wolodarski (local artist) will be making cedar laser cut signs to label trees for this section of the park. Almost \$600,000 to make this ADA compliant on the pavilion side. County says there may be opportunity for a matching funds grant.

Almost 9 ½ miles of trails completed thus far.

Picnic tables are being used extensively. Adding 2 kiosks near bridges which will contain

“You Are Here” maps and family photos.

Birdhouses: Nancy Simmer has located and numbered birdhouses in the park in anticipation of the park becoming a State Birding Site naming in the future.

InterTube Launch: Rock steps leading down to the creek on the north side of the park, Frank Arnold Bridge area. Cost \$8,300 or \$12,000 if doing both bridges. (Decision made to continue thinking, gathering info, and to postpone vote to a later date)

Cemetery committee: (Philip Busby) Philip, as committee chair, will forward a formal request to clean off ground in order to search for the old church site. Shane indicated he is ready to proceed when the request has been made. Philip also indicated he would contact the Dogwood Church historian to find any potential documents relating to the church at Shoal Creek.

Signage: (Dee) Educational signs by Mike Harding will be posted strategically around the park. Of particular note are riparian signs and the one explaining old field succession. Signage must go before the City Council. Cheryl asked about potential audio components to signage. Placement? Costs?

Philip asked about the possibility of having controlled burns in the park in the two southern portions of the park.

3. Website/marketing/communications

Website: (Cheryl Patton) scparkfoundation.weebly.com. Will move to a paid side soon and the address will transition to: shoalcreekparkfoundation.com. A request was made to Foundation members for more content for the park page, including more historical content. Also, for more photos for a digital carousel and will add more family history. The donate button links directly to the park bank account. Thanks to Kristen Gilbert for her work on this. Cheryl asked Marty to add an historical write-up.

4. Event Committee

Trails are already designed for hosting cross country meets. Parking is a tricky issue, especially around rain events. Shane, Chris, and Phillip will reach out to respective coaching staffs around to plan/gauge a 5k at the park. Scheduling and organizing.

5. House Update

No major updates now. Hollie and Herman (Lehman) are waiting on the architect to submit final plans.

Meeting adjourned at 2:03pm.

Upcoming Meetings:

May 6, 2020

August 5, 2020

November 4, 2020