

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, October 7, 2019

Center of Clayton, Meeting Room A

Members Present: Ben Beinfeld, David LaGessee, Missy McCormick, Eric Schneider, Stacy Siwak & Melanie Tamsky

Absent: Jim Craig, Ira Berkowitz, Becky Patel & Mark Winings

Also Present: Patty DeForrest, Dan Krewson, Lori Rice, Toni Siering & Denise Ucinski

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the September meeting were approved as written.

Addresses from the Audience:

There were no addresses from the audience.

Maryland Park:

Mr. Jay Wohlschlaeger from SWT presented the revised plan for Maryland Park. (See attached presentation for additional details.) He reviewed the updated Maryland Park drawings that were presented to the BOA at their September meeting. The BOA liked the drawings and the updated plan. Mr. Wohlschlaeger explained the summary of the site and noted that it was favorable to bring the park presence out to the street. Further, the final conceptual design was derived from the feedback SWT received after presenting the original three concepts to the Commission. The final design includes: simplified elements and circulation, a slope walk, not steps, the use of front planting beds, simple ground cover, areas that are focal points from Maryland Avenue, a seat wall in the back and a smaller scale water sculptural piece. Mr. Wohlschlaeger stated the Master Plan cost opinion from the general conceptual costs that include demolition and construction costs to be roughly \$400,000. The project timeline plan SWT developed was also reviewed. Mr. Eric Schneider made a motion to adopt the design presented by SWT. Mr. David LaGessee seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Ms. DeForrest submitted a grant on behalf of the Clayton Community Foundation to the OPUS Foundation last week to assist with funding Maryland Park. The City has some funding in the capital budget and CCF is interested in securing additional donations. Ms. DeForrest noted that she needs to speak with The Gathering about the updated design because the set of stairs in the front of the house are partially on their property line.

Director's Report:

Ms. DeForrest reported the following about Parks and Recreation events: the DeMun Park Playground Grand Opening Celebration went very well, there were about 200 people, and everyone is happy with the playground. The park restroom was not complete, but it did not cause any issues. Chapman Plaza Concert Series went well, and staff is considering changing the event time in order to increase attendance. The Harvest Moon Celebration in Hanley Park was also a great event. About 250 people attended the family fun event, which included pumpkin carving, outdoor games, live music, a food truck and tree climbing. Party in the Patch will be held next Friday, October 18.

Ms. DeForrest also reported the following: construction at The Center of Clayton is coming along, the gyms are done, the leisure pool and locker rooms should be completed at the end of October. There will have to be some shutdowns in the Fitness Center during the conversion. The Shaw Park Aquatic Center stayed open through the beginning of October which was well received by swimmers. The first CSP swim meet was held last Thursday in the newly renovated Competition Pool. Chiodini will be back for the November meeting. The BOA liked the roof drawings Chiodini presented at their meeting. Ms. DeForrest will send the new renderings to the Commission.

Old Business / New Business:

There was no old or new business reported.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski