

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES - AUGUST 19, 1999 - PAGE 1

Present: Chairperson Schmitt; Vice-Chairperson Greening; Members: Brink, Cobleigh, Davis, Harmon and Mooney

Absent: None

Also Present: Village Manager, Hanlin, Pasieka
Council Liaison, Stearn

Chairperson Schmitt presided and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Beverly Park pavilion.

APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION by Davis, supported by Mooney, that the minutes of a regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board held on July 15, 1999 be approved as submitted.

Motion passes unanimously.

CONCERT UPDATE

Hanlin will oversee Sunday's concert in the park with Todd Stearn as master of ceremonies. Bobby Lewis & the Crackerjack Band will perform at 4:00 p.m. Mooney requested that Stearn announce that the Lion's Club is sponsoring this concert.

Hanlin asked if it would be an appropriate time for a discussion on whether the Parks and Recreation Board is interested in a concert series next year. Schmitt suggests deferring that discussion until the October or November meeting.

Greening commented that the concerts are a positive activity for the Village and for the park, but they need to be advertised sufficiently to make them viable.

It was noted that the Birmingham Concert Band cannot make the June date next summer and requests the August date. A park banner could be ordered to hang on the showmobile next year.

FRIENDS OF BEVERLY PARK

Funds Received to Date

Friends of Beverly Park has collected \$13,520 to date. The sale of paving bricks has brought in \$2,400 towards park improvements.

Paving Bricks

Phyllis Lauer informed the Board that the Woman's Club will also be selling sponsor bricks at \$250 each. A logo and two or three lines of verbiage can be engraved on the 12" x 12" bricks. Lauer and Sharon Pugh will be soliciting the area businesses. Other size bricks that are available are 4" x 8" and 8" x 8". Bricks will be sold at the fund raising dinner.

Dinner

Greening reported that invitations to the September 22 fund raising dinner at Birmingham Country Club were mailed to all Village residents. Sheila Seaver has received phone calls about the event with the main question being how much of the ticket price will go towards park improvements.

Greening can guarantee that \$100 plus from each \$150 ticket sold will go in the park improvement fund. There are enough sponsors to cover costs of cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, printing, decorations, entertainment, and valet parking.

Many items have been donated for the silent auction including jewelry, golf equipment, dinners, artwork, dolls, pottery, books signed by authors and more. It should be a very worthwhile silent auction.

Greening has sent invitations to most of the elected officials in the Village and to businesses in the area. Extra invitations are available if Board members would like to send invitations to any past or new residents. Small posters are available and Greening can produce more large posters if they are needed. Greening encouraged Board members to enthusiastically promote this event. She will keep them advised of ticket sales.

UPDATE ON PARK CONSTRUCTION

Schmitt reviewed that the Parks and Recreation Board at its last meeting asked Council to authorize a preliminary cost estimate to be prepared for the Beverly Park entrance gate project and the parking lot paving. The Board would like information on how to proceed with the construction of the pedestrian entrance.

At its August 2 meeting, Council authorized a preliminary cost estimate for the entrance gate project to be prepared at a cost of up to \$2,000 from money generated by the Friends of Beverly Park. Council also authorized a preliminary cost estimate to be prepared for paving the parking lot using General Fund money allocated for capital project park improvements.

Hanlin commented that Public Services Director Spallasso is in the process of compiling a packet of information that he will forward to the Parks and Recreation Board and Council relative to paving the parking lot and the entranceway construction. This material will be sent to the members prior to the October Parks and Recreation Board meeting.

VILLAGER NEWSLETTER

The Villager newsletter is at the printer. It will be mailed to all residents in the first week of September.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Davis asked if compost will continue to be available at the park. Hanlin will contact SOCRRA about the availability of compost.

Hanlin distributed a copy of an article from the Detroit News about the new park entrance featuring a picture of Phyllis Lauer. She also passed around copies of a brochure entitled "Naturescaping for

the Rouge River” regarding a workshop about restoring the ecology of our back yards and communities.

BOARD COMMENTS

Brink commented on the brochure promoting a workshop sponsored by SOCWA about naturescaping for the Rouge River featuring Sara Stein who is an expert on the topic. This would be of interest to the Board, particularly if it is considering a landscape plan for Beverly Park.

The Rouge River is a significant part of our community. The point of this workshop is to promote ecological balance and aesthetics. This workshop will be on Saturday, September 25 from 9:30 to noon. Brink thinks it would be beneficial if some of the Parks and Recreation Board members attended this workshop and became more educated on plants and wildlife.

Stearn stated that the Village will pay the \$7 fee for Board members who wish to attend the workshop. Hanlin asked that members planning on attending call Sandy at the Village office to sign up for the class.

Harmon noticed that Beverly Hills is sponsoring a SOCRRA meeting on the subject of what is needed to fix the Rouge River from 7 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, September 16 which happens to the date of the next Board meeting.

It was the consensus of the Board to meet at 6:30 p.m. on September 16 at the Village office for a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting. This would allow members to attend the SOCRRA meeting in the council chambers at 7:00 pm.

Hanlin stated that SEMCOG will be conducting a walkable communities survey of Beverly Hills on September 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They will direct an audit of our community and provide a recommendation on what can be done to make the community more friendly to pedestrians. Board members will receive a flyer and will be invited to come.

MOTION by Davis, supported by Mooney, to move the Parks and Recreation Board meeting to 6:00 p.m. on September 16, 1999 at the Village office.

Motion passes unanimously.

Schmitt thanked Pat Greening for all the incredible work she is putting in on this dinner. Other people are participating, but Greening is doing an impressive amount of work.

Board members have received a sheet in their packets called Communication Preference Survey which will revise the Parks and Recreation Board roster.

Greening encouraged Board members to promote the fund raising dinner at the Birmingham Country Club on September 22. She asked them to talk to as many people as they can, organize a table, and send in their money. She will keep the Board posted on their tasks closer to the date.

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board, Greening congratulated Todd Stearn. He and his wife are going to have their first child on February 29.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**Phillip Schmitt, Chairperson
Parks and Recreation Board**

**Ellen E. Marshall
Village Clerk**