

Present: Chairperson Greening; Members: Harmon, Nelson and O'Reilly

Absent: Davis, Nagle and Wilms

Also Present: Assistant to the Manager, Pasieka  
Council Liaison, McCleary  
Council member, Koss

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

**APPROVE MINUTES OF REGULAR PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 15, 2004**

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Harmon, that the minutes of a regular Parks and Recreation Board meeting held on July 15, 2004 be approved as submitted.

Motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**CONCERT WRAP UP**

This report was deferred due to the absence of Nagle.

**DISCUSS PAVILION PLANS – PAT WESTERLUND**

Parks and Recreation Board members have received the bid results for the Beverly Park pavilion renovation project. Each of the three bid proposals came in higher than anticipated. Architect Pat Westerlund outlined options that would reduce the overall project cost. In the time since the bids were received, he was able to obtain a line item cost breakdown from one of the vendors and a range of cost savings from another vendor.

Board members considered re-bidding the project, which would include sending proposals to the contractors who submitted bids. Westerlund commented that each contractor has indicated that they would like the opportunity to look at the proposal more closely.

Westerlund reviewed possible cost savings that would bring the project more in line with the \$150,000 budgeted for this work. Consideration was given to altering the plan to eliminate the new restroom building and renovation of the existing structure. Instead, the existing structure would be demolished and a new building constructed in its place. This would simplify the roof line, eliminate costly renovation, and result in other cost savings. The flagpole, bricks and walkway would not have to be moved. The modified plan may result in enough overall reductions to retain the terrace and wall in the design. Board members did not want to change the new building from a brick and block structure to a solid block building.

The Board focused on which elements they want to retain in the project. Board members agreed that the existing bathroom and storage building would be demolished and a new brick structure built in its place. This would save the cost of reworking the existing building and constructing a connecting structure to house the restrooms. There was agreement to keep the concrete terrace and surrounding wall since it increases the usable pavilion area. The stone piers spaced along the wall will be costed out for further consideration. The cost of landscaping will be estimated as a separate line item.

Westerlund stated that he is willing to give of his time to work on a revised plan that reflects the consensus of the Parks and Recreation Board. The contractors who bid the job will be informed that plans are being revised because the bids came in over budget. Westerlund mentioned that a couple of the contractors indicated that they would be willing to work with the Village on reducing costs.

Motion by O'Reilly, second by Nelson, that the Parks and Recreation Board ask architect Pat Westerlund to rework the pavilion renovation drawing to incorporate several modifications discussed at this meeting in an attempt to reduce the cost of the project.

Motion passed.

The Parks and Recreation Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. to review the revised pavilion plan prior to its joint meeting with Council scheduled for Thursday, September 16 at 7:30 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Scott Crecelius was present requesting to plant a tree in Beverly Park as part of the 75<sup>th</sup> celebration of Covenant Alliance Church. The Church would like to do this as a gesture of its commitment to the community. Crecelius asked for a suggestion as to the type of tree, which will be purchased at English Gardens. If granted permission, representatives of the Church will dig the hole and plant the tree in a location of the Village's choosing on October 17<sup>th</sup> during a short ceremony at 1:30 p.m.

Board members thanked Mr. Crecelius and the Covenant Alliance Church for the donation. It was suggested that they purchase either a Concolor Fir or a Honey Locust. Church representatives will be advised of location before October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Harmon, second by O'Reilly, to recommend that Council accept the gift of a tree to be planted in Beverly Park by members of Covenant Alliance Church in Beverly Hills. The tree will be a Concolor Fir or a Honey Locust.

Motion carried.

Crecelius was advised that the Board does not recommend placing markers on trees because of the damage that occurs to them. The Parks and Recreation Board plans to

locate a plaque inside the park pavilion listing people and organizations who have donated to the park.

### **LIAISON COMMENTS**

McCleary questioned the status of the tree program and whether the Village will be able to take advantage of the tree planting grants awarded to Beverly Hills. Pasieka responded that the Village must complete the grant requirements by December 30 of this year. Administration is working on securing bids for the purchase of trees for Council approval. These bid results will determine the quantity of trees that can be purchased for the money available through matching grant funds.

Pasieka and Harmon are working on a plan for the types and locations of trees. It is anticipated that a total of 150 trees will be ordered and planted.

### **ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**

Pasieka thanked Harmon for working on preparation of the bid document to purchase trees for two matching grant programs totaling \$40,000. It is estimated that 150 trees can be purchased to replace a good portion of trees lost to the emerald ash borer in the most visible portions of Beverly Park along Beverly Road and through the east pathway to the sled hill. The Village is attempting to piggyback on Birmingham's web based bid program.

The Parks and Recreation Board is in receipt of a letter from Kim Terry of the Boy Scouts of American thanking the Village for use of Beverly Park for its camp. Terry would like to return next year and will attend a meeting to answer questions about the event.

Two donations were received for use in Beverly Park. A \$100 donation was received from Dave Hinman, President of the Birmingham-Beverly Hills Church Softball League, with a letter of thanks for use of the north baseball field.

A gift of over \$1,000 was received as a donation to Beverly Park as a result of John and Janet Mooney donating a car to Charity Motors and designating the Village of Beverly Hills as the recipient. Pasieka plans to put a note in the Villager newsletter informing people that they can donate a car to a charity organization and name the Village as the recipient. The Village Woman's Club will be thanked in the newsletter for donating two picnic tables to the park.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

Nelson commented that the concerts in the park were a big success, and he looks forward to more concerts next year. Pasieka asked the Board to consider establishing concert dates for next year so they can be published in the 2005 Village calendar.

Harmon has observed families riding bicycles on Evergreen Road in dangerous traffic conditions. He thinks that there is a need for pathways in the Village before someone gets hurt.

Greening reminded members that the Board will meet one hour earlier in September to go over revised pavilion plans before its joint meeting with Council. She asked for suggestions for agenda items for the joint meeting. Among the items to be discussed are funding for park programs such as summer concerts and Winter Family Fun Day and the need for increased funding for park maintenance. McCleary commented that Council should approve the tree donation to the park from Covenant Alliance Church.

Motion by Harmon, second by Nelson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Motion passed.

**Patricia Greening, Chair**  
**Parks and Recreation Board**

**Ellen E. Marshall**  
**Village Clerk**

**Susan Bernard**  
**Recording Secretary**

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