

Scenic Loop Playground Board of Directors Minutes

Date of Meeting: March 2, 2016

Type of Meeting: Workshop

Place of Meeting: Scenic Loop Playground (SLP) Community Clubhouse
18249 Sherwood Trail
Grey Forest, Texas 78023

SLPC BOARD MEMBERS

Marjorie Mautz
Madeline McCloskey
Irene Scharf
Aurelia Scharnhorst

OTHERS

Don & Shirley Nettle
Bunny & Joe Bacchetta
Lou Hoffman
Brenda Reinhard
Debbie Swisher
Jerry Dobbs

SLP BOARD MEMBERS

Kyle Cunningham
Susan Darst
Madeline McCloskey
Jennifer Nottingham
Mayor Ron Reinhard

SLP Board Chairperson Laurie Hawkins declared a quorum. SLPC President Marjorie Mautz declared a quorum.

The Workshop Meeting of March 2, 2016 was called to order at 7:02.

WORKSHOP MEETING

1. DISCUSS ITEMS RELATED TO WANTS & NEEDS OF CREEK & CLUBHOUSE

Restoring pathways, benches, signage for flora, nature walks, programs such as Aging in Place programs, continue to have access to the clubhouse, ADA compliance of the clubhouse, always plumbing problems w/ toilet, septic was inspected before 50th, is it up to date as a center of operations for emergency shelter. Kyle Cunningham suggested looking at places such as Barton Springs for management ideas. Are there septic systems flowing into the creek? In the future "creek" and "pool" should be addressed separately; in this agenda they are put together as just "creek". Lou Hoffman suggested coming up with a master plan. Laurie Hawkins responded that she wanted to get "stakeholder" input before creating a plan. Don Nettle said he would like to see the grounds kept as a natural area; perhaps people could adopt an area to plant area or as Tom Haberman does when he mows the grass across the street. Two water fountains have been purchased & are in the shed, the forms for the pads have been constructed. Mr. Robards is going to put in the railing by the pool but it has been too full to finish the job. He has not been paid yet. Mayor Reinhard said he thinks that the City should pay for the railing. This needs to be put on the next agenda. Hawkins asked Marjorie Mautz for Mr. Robards' contact information. SLPC suggested that there be an historic corner to display items. Kurt Youngblood gave Marjorie & Irene some metal arrowheads. Perhaps community photographs in addition to SLPC memorabilia or a display case for historical items to be placed in city hall where they might be safe (not at the clubhouse where the glass might be broken. There were many items on display at the 50th that could be used. It was suggested that oral histories be collected from community members.

2. DISCUSS ITEMS RELATED TO ALCOHOL IN CLUBHOUSE

Letter from Freda Hoffman, SLPC Vice President, stated that she did not support alcohol in the clubhouse. Questions were posed such as whom does this benefit? Whose idea is it? What about liability? City ordinance 45b & 215 are against it. Aurelia Scharnhorst: We've never allowed alcohol before. Keep cut off of 10:00 p.m. Shirley Nettle: There are other places they can go to get alcohol such as Leon Springs & Grey Moss Inn. Marjorie Mautz expressed concerns that she wished that she had checked in on parties more. Mayor Reinhard said that the police can be called if there is a problem so that no citizen needs to go check on parties. Alcohol policies of various places such as Brackenridge Park and the Riverwalk were discussed. The signage needs to include the ordinance for it to be enforceable. Illegal alcohol consumption at the clubhouse puts the liability on the renter if they bring it against club policy.

3. DISCUSS ITEMS RELATED TO RENTAL AGREEMENTS

Mayor Reinhard said that the city attorney would be consulted on the rental agreement. Irene Scharf asked Where does the rental money go? A general fund? Mayor Reinhard: It goes into a general fund but it goes into a separate line item in the accounting system & restrict it for usage for the clubhouse & community purposes only. Restricted funds (it's grown since we haven't used much) from the school crossing fund for the National Night Out or for cameras at the bus stop or for a shelter across from city hall or lights (it's dark at 6:30 a.m.). Could we request CPS put in a pole over there to put lights in? Marjorie Mautz wanted to know who would be in charge of the clubhouse & making sure that things were cleaned up after rentals. Make sure to keep an eye on rats/mice, watch out for people turning the wrong switches so that the breaker doesn't get turned off & the fridge food then spoils. If you push the fridge too close to the wall the plug comes out. City Secretary Shannan Kinsley is going to have the building inspector come out & look at the clubhouse for a maximum capacity number and it will be put into the rental agreement. Mayor Reinhard commented that when renovations are made, upgrades must be also made. A bathroom renovation may very well trigger a total electrical renovation.

4. DISCUSS ITEMS RELATED TO CREEK RULES, POLICIES, & PROCEDURES

Irene Scharf asked if ETJ citizens will be allowed on the property. Laurie Hawkins said that it is on the agenda for tomorrow's community board to honor SLPC policy. Mayor Reinhard said he would have to re-read the ordinance to see if it states that it says only citizens of Grey Forest. President Hawkins said that the board is working on how to restrict access to by non-citizens; the item is on the agenda for the Community Board meeting. Don Nettle said that a release of liability needs to be signed when non-citizens get a pass to walk the creeks.

5. DISCUSS POTENTIAL CREEK ISSUES (2009 LIST)

- a. Flooding: Laurie Hawkins explained the high water detection system put into place by Bexar County in the form of gates since people can be controlled since water cannot. Aurelia Scharnhorst commented that keeping wood out of the creek has always been a constant battle. Kyle Cunningham remarked on the sediment behind the dams.
- b. Erosion/vegetation: Marjorie Mautz asked that the cutting be done gently. It will remove the green screen if the ligustrum are cut wholesale. Hawkins said that COSA has a policy where no more than 25% of trees be removed at any one time. Thinning out allows sunlight to come in & allows natives to grow. There is a balance because downed wood is good in a riparian area when their nutrients go back into the ecosystem, but the wood is also not what people want to climb over when traversing the trails between Sherwood Trail bridge and the Grey Moss Inn. Some flood debris is good but... Irene Scharf would like to see education programs on natives and invasives, and pollinating insects such as Monarch butterflies due to the loss of habitat.

c. Violations--- agenda item, locate properties, allocate legal funds to address

A list of encroachments was discussed. Is there a statute of limitations on the encroachments? Is paperwork supposed to be filed to assume ownership? What about just fencing it in? Mandie Waldrop has the GIS utility maps and has addressed this in the past; check with her. Bexar Appraisal District needs to be consulted. Don Nettle commented that the cost of legal action needs to be balanced with the loss of the value of land. President Hawkins agreed depending upon how severe the encroachments are. The small parks will not have pins but they will have adjacent pins from the surrounding properties. Brenda Reinhard suggested that each park be named after founding people of Grey Forest with signs, benches; it will help with identification and honor people who helped. This could be a fundraising opportunity. Ag shop classes (such as Aurelia Scharnhorst's classes up at Bandera High School) could make metal arrowheads. Irene Scharf suggested that Brenda Reinhard head that up. She said she would be interested.

d. Sedimentation

President Hawkins commented that there are a number of places where weirs need to be cleaned out before the sediment is deposited in the pool where it is problematic. This needs to be addressed in a long-term plan.

e. Structure assessment and maintenance plans

6. ADDITIONAL SLPC INPUT REGARDING THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY AND FACILITIES

No new discussion.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA BUT STILL IMPORTANT

Aurelia Scharnhorst asked what events would the SLP/city support? Mayor Reinhard suggested a joint event such as July 4th where possibly the city paid for food and the Club organized it. Brenda Reinhard suggested (and offered her help) to get local businesses to help sponsor events for the SLPC. A discussion of how to get sponsors, how much events cost followed. Marjorie Mautz suggested providing fingerprinting and photographing children for National Night Out. Facebook administrator rights were given to the club by Susan Darst for whoever takes over that position with the Club. Irene Scharf commented that the names of SLPC and SLP are very confusing and asked if we could come up with a solution. Various suggestions were discussed. Grey Forest Community Board- GFCB? This must be thought out. Mayor Reinhard made the distinction that the City Board is a supervisory board, not an advisory board.

Chairperson, Laurie Hawkins adjourned the Workshop Meeting at 9:25 p.m.

These minutes were written by Madeline McCloskey.

These minutes were amended on the 16th day of March, 2016.

Signed: 
Laurie Hawkins, Chairperson, SLP Community Board