

**INSPIRATION COMMON AREA COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

June 21, 2022 | 5:30 P.M via Zoom

Attendees: Kevin Buehner, Charles Goretsky, Tom Norton, Ralph Charlip, Maurice Smith. Members of the Public: Penny & Rea Heatherington, Holly Svetz, Mike & Brenda Patrick, Russ Paper. Public Alliance: Justin Janca, Sarah Warner, Kate Innes.

- The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.
- Maurice Smith joined as the new Board Liaison, formerly held by Aaron Curtiss.
- The agenda was reviewed and approved.
- A call was made to appoint a secretary to the currently vacant role, no volunteers came forward and no nominations were made, the role will remain vacant for the time being.
- The minutes from the May 17th meeting were approved.

Community Comment & Discussion

- Russ Paper noted that the budget process for the upcoming year begins at this time of year.
- Maurice Smith asked on behalf of a neighbor about the yellow burr clover potentially being introduced in the native grass seed mix, specifically along the area along Gartrell near the roundabout. Kevin Buehner showed a photo to confirm the plant variety. Sarah Warner noted that it's not part of the noxious weed control provided by the landscaping companies employed by both the developer and district. She will check what is included in the seed mix being used but does not believe this is the source.

Common Area Update - Sarah Warner, Public Alliance

- Native weed spray has begun, it leaves a blue dye when fresh to show where it's been sprayed until it fades with light. During high winds, weed sprays are postponed.
- Landscaping bed weed control is handled by a single crew member with a utility vehicle.
- A small area of oak (wasp) gall was found in several trees. Next season will include a one-time preventative treatment for all oak trees.
- Fire pits have been capped with a threaded plug by Public Alliance.
- Masterful Masonry's scope of work to place stone tops on the former fire pits has been reduced to a single etching, not both table tops.
- The sand volleyball court is an ongoing issue with sand blowing into the pool, it has been tarped off temporarily while we work on next steps with the developer.
 - The pool deck vacuum has been ordered, delivered and set up but not yet used. Charles Goretsky asked whether it's automatic or manual, it is a manual operation but any pool staff can use it.
 - Sarah reported that there has been pollen in the pool in addition to sand.
 - Tom Norton commented on the possibility that the Services Center could be located nearby and that moving the sand volleyball court, if it's being considered, should only be done once.
 - Sarah noted that the improvement hasn't been accepted yet but the District several years ago agreed on the amenity and placement of the amenity.

- The sand volleyball net was taken down today as people were attempting to play volleyball on top of the tarp.
- A question was asked whether the landscape beds on the corners of Minnow and Gartrell are still developer responsibility or are now district responsibility. Sarah responded that the east side is likely District, but she can verify whether the west side locations are the developer's responsibility. A new tract ownership map would be useful but is not yet ready to be created. She explained that some areas will be District maintenance only before ownership has been transferred. Holly Svetz explained that filings would need to be legally partitioned in order to split the areas ready for turnover from the portions not ready, which is why we are maintaining but not yet owning certain areas.

Recap working discussions since last meeting

- Maurice asked about the pickleball striping discussion in front of the Board.
 - Tom Norton noted that he helped obtain a pickleball conversion quote but the larger question of whether pickleball should be put in or not has stalled the progress.
 - Maurice suggested a minimized option to put striping for two pickleball courts on one of the two existing tennis courts with residents responsible to bring their own net.
 - Sarah updated that the re-striping and court sealing contractor does not have availability until next year. Kevin Buehner asked whether the tennis court needs to be sealed prior to next year, Sarah relayed that the contractor told her it's fine until next year.
 - The committee agreed that they've examined the issue and the matter is now up to the Board of Directors.

New committee member application

- A new member application has been received from Teresa LeGare and the committee voted to approve her application.
- Discussion was held regarding inactive members, term lengths, and whether the committee's charter should be amended.

Task Tracker

- A CAC Task Tracker has been developed by Kevin to monitor projects in a more structured way, as a spin-off from the task sheet created during last year's budget process.
- Kevin explained the general workflow and the incubator list of new items needing committee attention. He reviewed many of the items on the list.
- Ralph Charlip commented that the territory has grown so much that this may no longer be a sustainable approach.
- Maurice suggested that the process of updating the charter can help tackle this.
- Ralph suggested a working session to review roles and scope.
- Kevin noted that in the recent developer update we learned that filing 19 by itself will have over 3,000 trees, shrubs and perennials planted; those will need ongoing care.

Piney Creek Trail connection update

- Sarah Warner provided an update that the license agreement with the City of Aurora is now ready to be notarized.

- The project manual will be completed and the project will go out to bid.

Dog waste stations, little library and trail / NAC names

- Seven new dog waste stations were installed last month. An eighth unit remains in storage until the final location has been finalized.
- The little library will be installed soon by volunteers, or else Public Alliance staff.
- Kate Innes is awaiting further input on possible new trail and NAC names to be able to do a resident survey for community feedback.
- Beauty band mowing was discussed as possibly being handled on a case-by-case basis.

Inspiration Lane landscaping

- Sarah Warner said it's taking some time to get proposals, it will cost 19 cents per square foot for terraseeding if they have good access to the areas.
- Tom Norton relayed that we want to do this as a one-time project versus ongoing redo work and that rocks and bushes are also being considered.
- Sarah Warner has inquired why there are evergreen trees in the tree lawn when they should be deciduous trees. It seems to have slipped by the City of Aurora's approval process and there is likely no remedy for the developer putting in short needle blue spruce.

Gartrell Road landscaping

- No one from the committee is actively working on this and it may not be the right timing.

Public Alliance update items

- The chemical storage door replacement will be installed in July.
- Playground structure order is being finalized.
- The pond remediation budget has been reduced by approximately \$47,000 by removing scope. Some of this money will be needed for drop structure maintenance.

Water conservation update

- The first of two water-wise classes went well and there will be another this week.
- Justin Janca has been working closely with John Keesen from Hydrosystems to get hardware issues fixed with the new Weathermatic controllers.

Hops Garden furniture

- This agenda item was not discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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