

**INSPIRATION COMMON AREA COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

July 19, 2022 | 5:30 P.M via Zoom

Attendees: Mark Berkstresser, Charles Goretsky, Tom Norton, Ralph Charlip, Maurice Smith. Members of the Public: Joe Ducey, Holly Svetz, Russ Paper. Public Alliance: Justin Janca, Sarah Warner, Kate Innes.

- The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m.
- The agenda was reviewed and approved.
- A second call was made to appoint a secretary to the currently vacant role, no volunteers came forward. Public Alliance will continue to take meeting minutes in the interim.
- The minutes from the June 21st meeting were approved.

Community Comment & Discussion

- Joe Ducey answered questions from the committee about the use of the sand volleyball court, which is now temporarily closed. Joe noted that changing the surface to something besides sand would fundamentally change the game to something that couldn't be considered beach volleyball.

Common Area Update - Sarah Warner, Public Alliance

- Native weed spray applications continue in the landscaped beds (spot spray) and turf/native grass areas (broadleaf spray).
- Aphid and mite spray was applied to plant material.
- Adopt-a-Tree replacements were complete at two locations.
- Filing 15 & 17 manicured areas were turned over by the developer on July 1st. This is for maintenance only, not full ownership. This includes Watering Hole Park and Picnic Park.
- Pond 5 major maintenance is now fully complete and the pond inspection report sent to the city.

Recap any working discussions since last meeting

- There are no current new member applications, but Charles Goretsky has a neighbor who may be interested.
- Review items in incubator and transition to active or proposed budget – this topic needs to be discussed more broadly in a working group of the CAC as the list of items is very long and the committee is not yet clear of the best way to interact with the management company on granular items.
- The committee discussed the hops harvest requirements for September, the social committee will take this on as there isn't a volunteer on this committee with experience on the hops cultivation.
- The status and direction of the CAC was discussed generally and regarding scheduling a half day working session to review the CAC charter.
 - Holly Svetz advised that a working session should be cleared by legal to avoid violating any open meeting rules, Public Alliance will get this cleared before a session is scheduled.
 - Ralph Charlip volunteered to organize the location of the working session.

- Maurice Smith suggested that a facilitator budget be considered and that this individual could be brought in to help the committee sort through priorities and viewpoints.
- Tom Norton volunteered to take the lead on drafting a resident survey to get input to help inform the committee on the needs and desires of the community.
- An issue with a small number of trails that terminate at sidewalks was discussed by the committee. Landscaper vehicles and other utility vehicles, even bicycles, tend to cut across the tree lawns at these locations and they would benefit from being cobbled or paved.
- The 2023 budget process planning process is getting underway.
- The CC&Rs (covenants document) is having minor revisions made soon, in case this committee sees a need to provide revision requests.

Review status of CAC efforts

- The Piney Creek Trail connection is almost through the permitting process and the project manual will be finalized soon so it can go out to bid.
- The new little library has been installed with volunteer help at the Swallow Circle / Rocky Top pocket park.
- Trail and NAC names will be part of a resident survey for potential naming or renaming of some of them. The committee did not have additional name suggestions to add to the draft survey.
- There is no change to the no-mow policy of the native grass at this time, beauty bands (mowed strips) are done adjacent to sidewalks but not fence lines at the present time.
- An update to the Inspiration Lane project to improve the existing landscaping was provided by Sarah Warner and Ralph Charlip, they are obtaining price estimates for various material options. One option would be to use rock material at a possible cost of \$40,000 but Sarah will work with the city to make sure that's an acceptable option in this area.

Review status of Public Alliance efforts

- Small area conversion to xeric will need to begin with a realistically achievable project to get started, Sarah Warner will be working with the city on this project.
- The Vistas pocket park revegetation project is on pause during the hot summer months; this area does not have irrigation. Soil conditioning, preparation and feed/fertilize will be done in the fall if weather conditions allow.
- Fence staining is almost complete in filing 8. The crew will then move on to filing 3, then filing 5.
- The Adopt a Bench sponsored by Bob Beeman has been installed at the edge of the Inspiration Club event lawn, it was installed by Public Alliance labor on a base of crusher fines.
- Justin Janca updated that the playground replacement is scheduled to be installed in late September.
- The water conservation and irrigation update was deferred to next month's agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.