

The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2012
1:00PM
MUD Conference Room

In Attendance: Josh Avigael, Suzy Aubert, Peter Gomes, Lynn Miller, Dave Anderson (via phone conference), Rick Zehrer, and Mary Ann Grimes

Meeting commenced at 1:00pm at the MUD Conference room with Josh Avigael presiding, and Mary Ann Grimes taking minutes.

Welcome: Josh welcomed the commission members.

Motion to approve August minutes was made and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn presented budget for Jennifer based on the report that was provided. Jennifer suggested change the budget report layout on the spreadsheet to include the \$3500 that will be spent every year in October for the Hills Fest as an expenditure item for the month of October. This will reflect a more accurate picture of our expenditures for that particular month. The previous oversight for the utility expenditure was corrected. The BOA has asked that the Park Commission use the \$5737.14 from donations toward our next big project this coming fiscal year. We will be asking the donors for their permission to use these funds before allocating them to our project of choice. From our \$25,000 yearly budget, we currently have \$9,700 remaining. The BOA has agreed to allow us to use this amount in conjunction with the donation fund and to apply it toward our next project with donations being used first.

Jennifer has asked that we allocate \$1,000 toward an Anacacho Orchid tree, a Desert Willow tree, replacement plants, and identification signs provided we are able to remove the rubble from the Serene Hills side of the park in conjunction with the leveling of the playing field. Budget report was approved.

Old Business

- **New Commission Members:** A copy of Gail Oberta's bio was distributed to all of the members. All members voted to approved her recommendation. A reminder was made that all commission members must be a resident of The Hills and a registered voter.
- **Hills Fest:** Suzy presented the commission with a thorough layout of the plans for the Hills Fest. She and Angie have several great ideas for the event. The event will be held at The Hills Park and Nature Trail on Sunday, October 28th from 2:00pm to 5:00pm. Suzy is handling signs and will be possibly adding some balloons the day before the event to bring it to everyone's attention. Game2U will be there, a kiddie train, pumpkin painting tattoos and water/soda. There are a few changes this year including a CoolHaus Ice Cream truck providing made to

order ice cream treats which will be provided for free and Snappy Snacks mobile food catering truck where food will be available for purchase giving 20% of the proceeds donated back to The Hills Park. Also, there will be a live band. Suzy and Angie have several other ideas such as organizing a welcome committee and having someone do a head count so that we get a more accurate idea of how many are in attendance this year. Rick may be able get the constable to come for the event to monitor the grounds and roads. We will ask if Dan Roark is able to get the grass cut outside of the rear gate prior to the event. Other items mentioned were to add a donations box, a sign-up sheet for new "Friends of the Park", a survey form polling our residents for what improvements they would like to see at the park, and a photo display board exhibiting all of the work that had been done in the past. The overall goal of this event is the have community awareness and appreciation of our park

- **Park Use Permit Language:** Josh brought up the idea that we may want to redraft the rules for vendors at the park of change the current language to prevent anyone from hosting parties that use the park to "sell" something. (Currently against the rules) It was determined to table this idea for the time being.
- **Leveling the Playing field and other projects:** Mary Ann presented an estimate for leveling the playing field from Pendelton Excavation. The quote included two separate estimates, the first for the actual leveling of the field and resurfacing approximately 22,000 square feet of area, and the second, based on the excavation equipment being on site for the leveling job, for removing the rock debris on the Serene Hills side of the park. The total for the first part was \$24,345 and the second part an additional \$3,360. We are currently waiting on a second quote which should be available for next month's meeting. Josh noted the we need two more months to gather data and estimates for all potential projects before making a decision. Other projects are the addition of shades for the playscapes which will be approximately \$4,000-\$5,000 and adding additional playscape equipment for \$2,000-\$3,000. Also, adding borders around the walking path is another potential project. Currently we plan on voting in December on which project to pursue.

Public Forum, Comment, and Other business to come before the Commission:

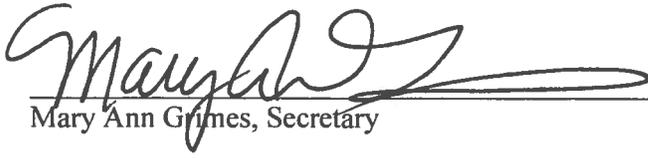
Josh mentioned that the MUD applies a pest control treatment at no charge for the park to remove wasp nests. Josh also put locks on the water faucets so there will no unauthorized usage of water at the park. It was also noted that a water faucet inside one the restrooms was left on full blast. There was mention of looking into getting a motion sensor type faucet to prevent this from happening again.

Next meeting will be **October 9, 2012 1:00pm**

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM



Josh Avigael, Chair for The Hills Park and Nature Trail Commission



Mary Ann Grimes, Secretary