

THE HILLS PARK COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING--August 8, 2016

In attendance: Joe Middlebrook, Pattye Ward, Gary Weldon, Jim Morter, Pat Younger, Pam Ovlen, Robert Smith, BOA Liaison, and Eric Ovlen, BOA Mayor
The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Gary Weldon, Chair.

Minutes

A motion was made by Pattye and seconded by Pat Y. to approve the minutes submitted by Pat Zepp from July 11, 2016.

Treasurer's Report

There will be a BOA budget meeting on August 18 at 9:30 a.m. Eric invited anyone on the commission to attend to support our priorities. Discussion of the budget will be at the end of the meeting. Robert and Eric will let us know what was decided right after the meeting.

Old Business

Painting Proposal--Robert asked if this item was submitted in the budget. There is still time to get it included. Gary will check with Dan and Pat Z. and make sure it gets in.

Gary has talked to a Scoutmaster who had expressed interest in helping with the painting of both playscapes, the pavilion, and cleaning up bird stains as an Eagle Scout project. Gary asked Jim and Joe if they would chair this project, outline what needs to be done, and get it back to Gary, which they agreed to do.

Dog Park

There is no funding for the dog park. Robert told us the history of fundraising for the berm and slide. They raised \$30,000 through a golf fundraiser at The Hills, where there were no green fees, the total went to the park. Signature sponsorships also added to the total. In addition, there were two silent auctions, one held at the annual POA meeting. We could plan something similar to raise funds for a dog park.

Robert suggested that we give out our dog park questionnaire at Hills Fest rather than sending it in an email, since those are often not read. Gary said we can set up a Dog Park table, and Eric suggested staking out the proposed area for the dog park, so attendees can see what we have in mind. Pat Younger will shorten and revise her proposed questionnaire to present at HillsFest.

New Business

POA Liaison

Pattye told us that Angie would like to be a liaison between the POA and the Park Commission. This proposal was passed unanimously. POA President Hal Lanham would have to approve the position. Gary asked Pattye to draft a letter, send it to Gary, and he will forward it to Hal, with a copy to Robert and Eric.

HillsFest

Pattye announced that many returning participants from last year will be returning, including the Jazz Daddies band, and the gelato and snow cone vendors.

Sponsorships are very important now. Pattye would like all information about them in by September 16. Pattye and Angie will contact those who participated last year. She suggested that we contact the businesses in the new HEB complex, letting them know that we expect 400-600 people to attend. Eric and Pattye will get in touch with the new manager at the club, once (s)he is announced re: donations.

There was discussion about how to reward those who give more than the suggested \$300 amount, as some commission members have gotten sponsors for other amounts.

The Youth Commission will be volunteering, helping with lining up the smaller children, etc. In addition, three of them will judge the dog costume contest. They will come up with an activity aimed at the teenagers in the community, too. There are now about 200 middle and high school age kids in The Hills.

The entire Park Commission is asked to set up and decorate starting at 9:00 a.m. the day of the event. We will need tents. Joe has one, possibly Gary and Pat Z, too? Karen Morter and Amy Weldon will again man the table for greeting and raffle tickets. Bill Zepp and one other person will be asked to drive the golf carts. Pam and Angie will work on advertising.

Hay will be picked up by someone from the MUD. Pattye asked if anyone knows where to get 2-3 dozen cornstalks. Last year's were mildewed.

There will be 2 bounce houses this year so the smaller children aren't intimidated by the older ones.

The bullhorn was hard to hear last year, so Pattye will ask the Jazz Daddies if we can use their mic to announce activities.

Open Meeting certification

Linda Lunney suggested to Robert that Park Commission members, to be in compliance with the law, go on the "open meeting" website. There is a 30-40 minute presentation, followed by a test, in order to be certified. Linda keeps these certificates on file. Gary will send out the website information.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 12 at 4:00 p.m. in the MUD conference room

Adjournment: A motion was made by Joe, seconded by Jim, and passed to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Ovlén



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