

THE HILLS PARK COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING--Monday, March 13, 2017

In attendance: Gary Weldon, Joe Middle brook, Pat Younger, Jim Morter, Allan Hitchcock, Pam Ovlen, Robert Smith, BOA Liaison, Angie Thielemans, POA Liaison, Wendy Smith, Village Manager

The meeting was called to order by Gary Weldon, Chair at 4:05 p.m.

Minutes

Angie stated that the name of the electrician referred to should be changed from Becker to Beckett. With this change, Pat made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Joe and passed.

Treasurer's Report

Pat stated that we are on target--no surprises. She asked why we pay for the cleaning a month in advance. Wendy said she would look into it and report back. Angie questioned why there was more money allocated for JazzFest than HillsFest. Gary explained that it was to cover payment for bands but that, with the Peterson Brothers out, it was no longer necessary, and the extra money can go towards HillsFest. Pam made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Joe seconded it, and it was passed.

Old Business

Dog Park

Pam met with Kasey at the park to show him the new location. He will give her an estimate on water and grading costs. Pam will have a proposed budget for the next meeting.

Park Repairs

Slide Repair

Austin Heberling and his Scout troop did a great job! Gary would like to get a plaque acknowledging Austin and his troop to be installed on the slide. Also, a letter of thanks on Village of the Hills letterhead needs to be sent to the Scout Master. Wendy said that the Scouts usually send out a press release when an Eagle Scout project is completed. If they do not, she said we should. Wendy will check into it.

Park Walkthrough Follow Up

Grease and chalk marks on the pavilion floor--During the week, Wendy will check the area after rentals. It was decided that Commission members will be placed in teams of

two and assigned alternately to check after rental events during the weekends. Megan can send a list of upcoming rentals to the Commission members.

Extra circuit needed at breaker--Gary will follow up. Not needed for JazzFest, but it will be needed for HillsFest.

Fallen roof tile--Pat will have her roofer check the roof

Tree trimming--Wendy had Melvin and Florentine take care of this

Storage closet clean up--Done by Pat and Pam

Exercise stations, wood benches--Gary will check with the Scout troop and see if they will take this on as a new project. He and Joe can do a walk through and plan what needs to be done

Piece of rebar sticking out on the path between the pavilion and the soccer field--Wendy will check with Earl on getting this grinded out

Painting soccer net supports--Don't belong to us

Drop-off on both sides of the small slide structure--Wendy will follow up. Angie says she has a catalog of playground equipment she can give to Wendy

Jim mentioned that there is a concrete pad in the lawn at the end of the soccer field that may be a safety hazard and should possibly come out.

New Business

JazzFest

It was decided to keep the same name as last year. The bands are all jazz bands, and our signs and décor are all jazz related.

Date: Sunday, April 30

Hours: 3-7 or 4-7

Angie will handle banner adjustments. Pam will meet her at the storage closet to roll out the signs and see what is needed. Angie will then place the order. The signs should be up by the last week in March.

Eric has agreed to make up the flyer again. We will add to it that golf carts are welcome and that there will be a golf cart decorating contest. Pat will procure prizes for the contest and will send information to be included on the flyer to Eric.

Angie also has a newsletter coming out at the end of March, where she will announce JazzFest. In addition, she can send an email blast through neighborhoodnetwork.com. Pam will send her JazzFest pictures from last year to use in the publicity.

Gary has these bands lined up:

-Courtney Santana \$500

-Jazz Daddies \$625

-Boss Street Brass Band \$400

The Lake Travis Jazz Band may also be added. Wendy mentioned that it would be nice to include one band that relates to the young people in the Village.

Each will play for one hour, starting with the most vibrant, and ending with the most mellow. Gary is hoping that Jazz Daddies will provide the set up for all the bands.

Wendy stated that the YAC wants to volunteer for the event. It was decided that the month before a few of them could help Joe put up the signs. On the day of the event, some can be at the front entrance of the park to direct traffic around to the elementary school to park. Others can be a band crew to help with set up and changing acts.

Angie will bring tall plants and flowers for the stage.

HillsFest

The target date is either October 29 or November 5. Angie will check with the Club to see if there are any activities that would compete on either of those dates.

Gary suggested that we have more of a country music theme, and we could have 2 or 3 groups, who would play for 1-1 21/2 hours each. Allan mentioned that the Lake Travis High School fiddlers are excellent. He will check on their availability right away, as they get booked up early.

Pat followed up on the email she sent the Commission re: sponsorships in three categories--\$100, \$300 and \$500. Her plan was approved. The \$500 donors can have a table and 2 chairs at the event. If they want a tent, we currently have 5.

Allan suggested awarding prizes at intervals during the event rather than all at the end. Pat said some of her sponsors weren't happy because kids won their prizes. Pam suggested that we get separate prizes for those under 21--and ones they would probably prefer. Jim asked that we put together a list of who each of us is going to ask for sponsorships so there is no duplication.

Ville of the Hills Planning Session

Gary reported that he and Pat attended a strategy session on March 4th with representatives of all groups involved in The Hills, including the BOA, POA, the constables, the Club, the MUD, etc. They formed committees made up of members of different groups to make long range plans for the Village. We will be hearing more in the future.

Next Meeting

Monday, April 10 at 4:00 p.m. in the MUD Conference Room

Gary adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Ovlen