

Shoal Creek Park Foundation Board Meeting Minutes

1-10-2018

Board members present: Terry Arnold, Philip Busby, Susan Fulmer, Ashley Robinett (by phone), Dee Woodham, H.G. McGaughy, and Nisa Miranda (by phone)

Board members absent: Butch Ellis, Maurice Valentine, Blake Ray, Travis Reed, Dan Ruth, Susan Wilder-White, Robert Miller, Gary Muehlbauer, Cristie Muehlbauer, and Cameron Vowell

Ex-officio present: Mayor Hollie Cost, Mary Ellen Heuton (by phone, representing John Stewart)

Ex-officio absent: Alex Dudchock, Quincy Whitehead, City Clerk Herman Lehman, Mike Jones (representing Tom Walker),

Others present: Melinda Nix, Rusty Nix, Sherry Vallides, Anne Thomas, Janice Seaman, Bill Glosson, Clay Nordan

1. **General Board Issues and Financial Report**

September minutes were approved.

Dee reminded the board that our next March meeting is the “annual meeting” of the board, where new board members and officers are elected. She asked for recommendations to prepare for the next meeting.

Susan reported that the current bank balance is \$84k. The only bill paid since our last meeting was the remainder of the floodway study. Dee reminded the board of the financial situation:

a. \$100k in the SCPF account was from Ms. Mahler’s bequest for general purposes at SCP (that is now the \$84k reported earlier).

b. The city holds \$100k from Ms. Mahler’s bequest for trail paving from SCP to Orr Park or within SCP and \$300k of the \$400k for city-wide trail paving was moved to Mahler house repair/restoration.

Susan noted that she will work with the city’s auditors to assure correct tax filing for the foundation.

2. **Trailhead/bathroom/pavilion** facility- (Committee: Terry, Chair; Gary & Philip)

Dee reported that Turner/Batson had 7-8 contractors interested in bidding on the project. They expect approval of the bid in the late January or early February City Council meeting. The project should be complete by mid-to-late June.

3. **Grand opening of the park**- Hollie reported the City’s Park Committee meets on the 16th at 5:00 at the Sr. Center. We are hoping this committee will lead the grand opening efforts. Dee asked for volunteers to help. Hollie, Philip and Dee agreed to help. The Historical Society agreed to submit a name to help also.

4. **House-** (Committee: Chair: Gary, Terry, Philip)

Dee distributed the 12-14-17 Christy Cobb preliminary structural findings report. She updated the board on the results of the 12-14 meeting with the house committee and Lowell Christy. She reported that given the \$1 million estimate, which includes “assembly usage, “ the committee asked for further “residential” options and estimates of the house: 1. Protect and secure the house to minimize further deterioration 2. Make the house structurally safe and restore the exterior and 3. Fully restore the property as a house museum. Terry offered another alternative of starting over with new materials, while harvesting as much older material as possible, and taking the house back to its original footprint of the 1830's with 4 rooms--two rooms to represent the Mahler time and two to represent the Perry time. He expressed confidence this could be done \$300,000. There was a great deal of discussion about this idea, the current status of the house, donated timbers and concerns from the historical society. Dee committed to organizing a house committee meeting with Lowell for further discussion and clarification of next steps.

5. **Event Committee-** Chair: Mary Ellen, Sue, A.V. representative Mike Jones

Mary Ellen reported the committee met and continues to have discussion about ways to work together and market SCP for events.

6. **Tree/Cattle RFP Committee-** Chair: Terry, Blake, Philip

Dee reported that she has talked with the Alabama Forestry Commission and needs to to get a group together to discuss further how to proceed with re-planting and how this fits with the conceptual long-term plan for the park.

7. **Floodway Study**

Dee reported that Marty Martin completed the floodway study, but the report is not considered final until FEMA formally approves. Marty is recommending a temporary bridge where the pavilion will be and a 60 foot span bridge (does not require FEMA approval, so is about \$30,000 cheaper) at the northern most part of park which abuts the cemetery. The area where the current footbridge is would require FEMA approval. Terry pointed out that there is a 72 foot span in between the footbridge and the 119 bridge that might work and he suggested discussions with the county. Several board members expressed concern about a temporary bridge.

8. **Updates and Future Project**

Not covered in the meeting due to time.

9. **Next meeting: March 28th** at 1:00 at City Hall