



Rockport Parks and Beautification

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January 13, 2021 - 5:00 P.M. – via ZOOM and Livestream

In attendance: Haunani Wallace, Sally Cook, Jan Baldwin, Sue Kauck, Bill Frolich, Eric Winters, Lea Anne Dunton, Denise Munger, and Sandy Hurlbut.

MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes Sue moved to accept the minutes of the Dec. 9, 2020 meeting as written, Sally seconded, and the motion was approved.

Library Landscaping Contract and Progress Update

Denise reported that she had received a copy of the contract from Bill Post. The proposal was for \$118,000 from Rhino, but there is some confusion about the current contract. Haunani stated that we may need to ask for donations from local garden centers to reduce costs. The group agreed to discuss the contract further at the next meeting and to discuss any future plant needs in the spring after we see the condition of the existing plantings.

Final Design of Memorial Park

While some areas at the perimeter of the park have not been designed as yet, the committee again agreed to wait until spring to see the condition of the existing plantings and reassess.

Walker Park Plaque Update

The boulder that was designated for the base was removed from the park when the seawall work was done. A new boulder that would accommodate the plaque needs to be located. Denise said this is in the works and she will follow up on it. Denise also reported that the name plate for the new bench in Walker Park will be completed in a couple of weeks. It was pointed out that the benches need to be adapted for the plaques to fit properly and Denise will discuss this with Richard Remsen. Haunani suggested that committee members go by the park and provide feedback/suggestions for any other changes or improvements. Haunani will also ask Doug to repair the one broken slat on the existing bench.

Mary Lea Park Possible Concerts Update

This was postponed until the next committee meeting that Doug attends so he can provide the update.

Pamphlet Idea Follow Up

The committee commended Sue (and Jeff) for the great job they did on the mock up. Haunani said that Abbie would like to have the walking trains and Beauchamp Point added if possible. Some discussion was held about the style and details of the map that will be included and Denise will ask Jason Peasley what map he has and if we may use it. Jan volunteered to work with Doc Wallace on all of the wording.

Master Plan For 'Tribute Tree' program

Sue provided all of the information she had gathered from the Tribute Tree Program at the Chicago Botanical Gardens. CBG has designated approximately 3,000 flowering trees and 2,000 standard maples for their program. They have a contract between CBG and the donor which lasts the lesser of the life of the tree or 15 years. If the tree dies during the 15 years, the donor is given a new tree, but not necessarily of the same species. CBG uses white labels, printed with the donors wording, attached to the tree with plastic coated wire at a height that is easily viewable by visitors. Sue has the name of the company who makes these labels that cost \$25 for one tag, or \$15/ea for 10 tags, and she will contact them to find out if the wire is expanded as the tree grows. The committee discussed possibly starting with 10 tags that say "ADOPT ME" to advertise the program. Haunani recommended that we take an inventory of the trees in each of our parks in the spring, noting any iconic trees and their size. The committee can then discuss if more trees are needed and give donors the option of having a new tree planted. More discussion to follow in future meetings.

Memorial Benches in Harbor Park

This discussion was postponed until a request is received for another bench in Harbor Park.

NEW BUSINESS

'Museums in the Streets'

Haunani and Denise said that Legacy Rockport is interested in this project also and Haunani will attend their next meeting to discuss this further. Sue suggested that the committee consider whether we want to have sponsorships for the signs. It was also suggested that we tap local historians Ken Groves and Barbara Dyer to help with the wording. Denise is going to check with Brenda Richardson and Sue volunteered to be involved in this project.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be Wed., February 10, 2021 at 5:00pm on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Hurlbut