

Howey-in-the-Hills Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
December 14, 2017 Minutes

Attendees: Peggy Ernest, Martha MacFarlane, Pat Miller, John Ernest, Charlotte Maffia, Beth Flack

Reports & Announcements:

Financial Report – No update

Events Committee – No update, pending further discussion on including Christmas Festival under Events Sub-committee umbrella

Public Services Report and Parks Survey -

- Parks Surveys: All of the parks look good.
 - Peggy added red sweet potato vines to Blevins' planters.
 - John installed light for Blevins Patriot Park sign
- Town is working with FEMA for Sara Maude "new" boardwalk hurricane Irma repairs.
- The P&R Board approved the acquisition of the Osprey sculpture. John is working on a design for mounting the sculpture. He will also install some PVC fencing, with an access gate, to hide the irrigation and utility boxes behind the slab/library.
- Landscaping in front of the Library
 - Public Service was getting quotes from landscapers for P&R Library Landscape project. John was asked by Tara to leave the Florida Native Plant (Jayne Spangler and Audrey Reed) experiment; she had received good comments. The Library Board inquired about P&R authority to change the plantings, etc.
 - P&R appreciates the work that has been done to identify Florida Native Plants appropriate to the space at the front of the Library. P&R explained the need to implement unified, cohesive, etc. landscape for all public areas of the town. The Library is the "star" of the Town and we need to highlight it as such.
 - P&R developed and approved the following plan:
 1. Identify who is responsible for the Town landscaping and why (P&R Charter)
 2. Identify a new space, at the discretion of P&R, in the Central Park area, for a Florida Native Plant Garden. Find money to prepare the land and transplant the FNP from the front of the Library
 3. Public Services will bring a comprehensive plan for the new landscaping, color through foliage, draught tolerant, sun loving, low maintenance, etc. to the January P&R meeting.
 4. Implement new landscape plan upon P&R approval
 5. Funds will be identified e.g. reallocate some P&R funds, Mayor Sear's commitment to find funding
 - Beth will talk to Tara and Peggy will speak with Jayne Spangler and Audrey Reed about the plan

Old Business:

Impact Fees – Peggy and Beth Flack presented the request to use P&R impact fees for the Library Educational Room expansion. Town Council approved the request at the 12/11/17 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha MacFarlane

