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Approved Minutes Friendship Heights Village Council Parks and Grounds Committee Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Parks and Grounds Committee members present: Michael Mezey; Daniel Ahr; Roy Schaeffer.

Others present: Julian Mansfield; Jedd Narsavage, GreenSweep; Martha Solt; 9 Village residents.

At 5:30 p.m., Mr. Mezey called the meeting of the Friendship Heights Village Council Parks and Grounds Committee to order.

Mr. Mezey discussed the purpose of the meeting, to focus on what has to be done to finalize the permit application and when it is anticipated to take place. He indicated that this is not a town hall meeting.

Page Park Permit Application

Mr. Mezey introduced Jedd Narsavage with GreenSweep, the Village's contractor, to provide an update on the status of the Page Park permit application. Mr. Narsavage is trying to finalize responses to comments he has received from the County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) reviewers. The outstanding issues are with the architectural and structural reviews. The architectural items relate to details for the stairs (to ensure compliance with the County Code). GreenSweep needs to get measurements signed and sealed by their structural engineer, Don Feng. Mr. Feng also needs to sign and seal drawings for the hand railings to be installed as required by the structural reviewer. Greensweep has shop drawings for those plans but they were not signed and sealed. Mr. Narsavage indicated he is still waiting for the subcontractor and fabricator to provide needed information on the types of steel and footings for the railings in order for the engineer to be able to sign and seal the drawings.

Mr. Narsavage provided clarification on the question of providing an accessible route to the pergola structure. He reported that Chris Allen with the County DPS told him that an accessible route to the pergola is not required as long as the contractor can demonstrate that access into the park has been significantly

improved, which is defined as the improvement costs equalling at least 20% of the total project cost. Mr. Narsavage indicated that the costs do exceed 20% of the total, and he will complete the required Maryland Accessibility Compliance Form accordingly.

Mr. Narsavage reported on several other remaining details, including code analysis, providing information on the concrete footers under the pergola, and information requested regarding life health safety. He will be submitting an email he received from the County indicating that the life health safety review will be approved or waived.

In response to a question from the committee, Mr. Narsavage said the structural engineer should be able to complete the signed and sealed drawings in 2-2.5 weeks for both the stairs and the handrails, however the lack of specific information needed for the handrails is still delaying the production of the drawings. Once the drawings are completed, Mr. Narsavage will resubmit all the remaining required items to the County DPS reviewers at once.

In response to a question about remaining costs, Mr. Narsavage indicated that the structural engineer's cost is \$2,300 to develop the sets of drawings, plus there will be costs (as yet unknown) to produce and install the handrails.

The Committee discussed how to resolve the delay in getting the necessary information from GreenSweep's subcontractor, and it was agreed that the Village Manager will follow up directly with the subcontractor once he receives contact information from GreenSweep. Mr. Narsavage indicated he will send Mr. Mansfield the necessary information to him to follow up.

Possible Tenant for Red House

Mr. Mezey discussed the prospective tenant for the Red House. Mr. Schaeffer raised several issues and indicated that we are not at the point of having a lease drawn up yet. There was general discussion regarding the process to move forward.

The Committee will schedule another meeting at the call of the Chair.

No actions were taken by the Parks and Grounds Committee. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Michael Mezey, Parks and Grounds Committee Chair