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Approved Minutes

Friendship Heights Village Council Parks and Grounds Committee

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Parks and Grounds Committee members present: Robert Pestronk; Daniel Ahr; Roy Schaeffer.

Others present: Jason Goldstein; seven residents.

At 2 p.m., Mr. Pestronk called the meeting of the Friendship Heights Village Council Parks and Grounds Committee to order.

Updates on Page Park

Mr. Pestronk asked Assistant Village Manager Goldstein to explain the next steps in the process to open Page Park and what remains to be completed by GreenSweep and the Village. Mr. Goldstein updated the Committee on the current status of Page Park, steps needed by both parties following the pre-construction inspection, along with the follow-up items that GreenSweep is working on: the ADA compliance form and providing County DPS with the slope measurements for the east side pathway drawings.

Page Park Webpage

Mr. Pestronk mentioned that he, and perhaps other members of the Parks and Grounds Committee, had not seen the proposed webpage prepared by the Chair of the Communications Committee, nor might they have been able to discuss the proposed content of the proposed webpage with the Communications Committee Chair as recommended by the Village Council.

Mr. Pestronk stated that he prefers to wait until he has a chance to review the webpage and then with the Chair of the Communications Committee before proceeding. Mr. Goldstein asked the Committee how they'd like to proceed after the Committee's review is complete. Mr. Pestronk stated that his committee will confirm a final version with the Communications Committee Chair and then jointly with her instruct the managers to publish the page on the live Village website.

The Committee also suggested that before going live, process and responsibility be adopted and assigned, respectively, to keep the website current including the

types of documents that should be part of any update. Mr. Goldstein agreed to add a section on the draft page of the Next Steps remaining to open the park but explained why expected dates of completion would be impossible to predict.

Creating Shared Expectations for the GreenSweep “change order process”

Mr. Pestronk began discussions of the change order reference in Section 10 of the GreenSweep contract addendum and what are the Committee's expectations of the process.

Mr. Schaeffer asked Mr. Pestronk what were his expectations in negotiating the contract amendment. Mr. Pestronk indicated that the amendment was adopted by the Council. Mr. Pestronk responded this was an amendment to establish additional reimbursement and the conditions established for any further reimbursement to GreenSweep. In addition, it established that any additional reimbursement related to obtaining the final permissions from County DPS were GreenSweep's responsibility and that should GreenSweep seek compensation for any additional work unrelated to the permit process, one or more change orders could be proposed to the Village Council for its consideration at any regularly scheduled Council meeting. The Council could then decide if any other added costs should be approved by the Council.

The amendment was signed by both parties to resolve the outstanding differences of opinion about compensation and establish a process going forward regarding GreenSweep's responsibility related to the opening of Page Park.

The amendment enables Council the ability to decide what extra costs it wants to cover that fall outside the original scope of GreenSweep's proposal and the original agreement.

Mr. Ahr stated his reading of the amendment. The addendum was negotiated after both parties agreed that the responsibility and costs to meet permit-associated requirements were GreenSweep's. The dollar values were mutually agreed to satisfy current and any potential future costs. A process was established to consider any proposals from GreenSweep regarding any additional costs.

The Amendment states that GreenSweep conceded that they are responsible for all work required by the County. If work falls outside that, they will come back to the Council. The burden is on them to show if the work falls outside the scope of the contract. He continued that GreenSweep needs to present work that is outside the scope of the contract to the Council. It would then fall on the Council to review that contention and determine whether it agreed with GreenSweep's interpretation. Regarding any decision made by Council, Mr. Ahr thinks the Council could ask the Committee to adopt a standard process to consider any change order proposed by GreenSweep including consultation with Village staff, attorney or others, and then recommend action to the Council. In addition, Council member Ahr opined that, if necessary, in the interest of expediency, a single-issue Council meeting

could be called. However, it is important to shift the burden of work for the original contract and any work outside the scope of the original contract from the Council to GreenSweep.

Mr. Schaeffer added that every invoice has already been paid. He also agreed with Mr. Ahr's interpretation, as stated in the contract. Mr. Pestronk agreed as well. Mr. Goldstein proposed to brief the Village Manager of the Committee's discussions and report back to the Committee on any problems with the Committee's concurrence. Per Mr. Pestronk's request, the managers will let GreenSweep know about this process.

Mr. Schaeffer asked if any other potential costs were outstanding, and Mr. Goldstein reiterated what he stated at the outset of the meeting. The following items currently remain: The Stormwater Management Concept, 3rd party inspections, ADA compliance form, and slope measurements for the main pathway.

What is the role of the Parks & Grounds Committee?

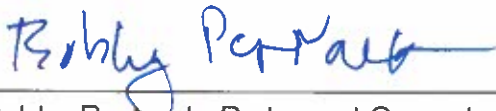
Mr. Pestronk mentioned there should be consideration given to establishing a charter for the Committee. Committee members agreed the Committee should assume purview for matters related to all Village parks, buildings, property repairs, improvements, and changes. The Committee agreed there was no need to stop the Red House Working Group committee from continuing its work.

Ms. Wheeler asked the Committee what is the status of the children's area and the planned equipment. Mr. Pestronk responded that the children's area remains an open question. A recommendation from the previous Village Council was made to put in play equipment, but it would not have complied with the County's requirements. Mr. Pestronk added that the Village must confirm everything that is required of the Park now and what needs to be done before considering any play equipment.

Dr. Muller provided handouts of the previous Council's Parks & Grounds Committee report from April 17, 2023, and a Health and Safety flier. He added that the play area was part of the original contract and a lot of people were involved in the planning of that area. He asked the Committee to read the report and see that options were narrowed for play equipment.

No actions were taken by the Parks and Grounds Committee. Mr. Pestronk moved, Mr. Schaeffer seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



Bobby Pestronk, Parks and Grounds Committee Chair