

MINUTES

MARCH 14, 2019

INITIAL KICKOFF MEETING FOR THE MASTER PARK PLAN

ROLL CALL

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Present for the meeting was Mayor Eric Wilson, Council members Mike Dodd, John Howard, Chris Hewett, and Melvin Lawrence. Also present was City Manager, Janice Hall, and CVB Director, Gilda Stanbery.

TSW REVIEW OF CITY PARKS

Adam Williamson and Beverly Bell with TSW Design were present to review the city parks. Mr. Williamson reviewed the scope of work stating that their proposal includes four public outreach meetings and this is the initial meeting. Mr. Williamson stated that survey and topo work is currently being done by Coleman & Associates of Forsyth and that should take approximately 30 days to complete. It was discussed that each park and work should have cost estimates and then create list in priority order.

Hill Street Park

- Replace playground equipment
- Signage
- Resurface basketball court
- Input from citizens in area around park

Milledge Circle Park

- Need to verify property lines
- Connect walking path
- Upgrade playground equipment
- Input from citizens in area around park

Kynette Park

- Walking trail
- Covering for playground and bleachers to protect visitors from weather and sun
- Possible Splashpad area
- Access from parking lot to ballfield
- Rework parking lot
- Resurface basketball court and fence
- Configuration of restrooms
- Input from citizens in area around park

Lee Street Park

- Expand outside storage building

Park Circle Park

- Walking trail
- Gazebo and/or benches

Country Club Park

- Reviewed concept drawing presented to council
- Discussed wooded triangle area as possible area for amphitheater
- Dog park location, size and amenities discussed
- Need input from Save-A-Pet for dog park ideas

The group discussed ways to get the public involved and provide ideas for parks. Some ways mentioned were including on utility bill dates for meetings but space is very limited on bills; social media; having a meeting time on Saturday at each park; and each person present getting information out to others to get people involved. Mr. Williamson reviewed the next public input meeting possible dates and council agreed on April 16, 2019 from 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm in Aldermen Hall. Mr. Williamson stated this would be an Open House type meeting where citizens would come by at their convenience during this time and review boards for each park and provide their input on needs for the parks.

Mr. Williamson and Ms. Bell invited those present to join them in their site visit of each park immediately following the meeting. Ms. Hall provided a site visit of each park to Mr. Williamson and Ms. Bell.

Mayor Wilson adjourned the meeting at 11:09 am.

Submitted by:

Janice L. Hall, City Manager