

Draft minutes - Land Use meeting 6/6/2019

Introductions:

Committee members attending:

Sherm, Karen, Roger, Amanda, Walker, David, Bob, Chad, Carol, Keith

Guests:

Sharon Nillson, Sharon Sandgren, Alice Magnuson, Janet Duff, Margot Monson, Kathy Magnuson, Margaret MacGregor, Scott Midness, Dan Knights, Phillip Duff, Beth Magistad, Lydia Midness, Steve Magistad, Taylor Burr, Tryg Hansen, Jeanne Hansen, Colleen Healy

Agenda and minutes:

The minutes of the 5/2/2019 need to have committee members attending added. Roger moved approval of corrected minutes and draft agenda. Walker second. Approved Unanimously.

Langford Park Bandstand:

Josh Becerra presented how idea started. Existing bandstand causes problems with 4th of July activity. Electrical cords, stairs are problems. Talked to school, principle thought a new bandstand was a good idea. Talked to Parks and they didn't want to propose it. Shakespeare in SAP could use it. Parks wanted some idea of what might be suggested, so pro-bono help from architect was enlisted. Want to build something that the people who built the initial bandstand intended. No seating is planned. Gave examples of the size that they are thinking of. Parks would take ownership and do maintenance. Usage currently is just the 4th. Will probably change and there will be more usage, but can be managed. Renovation would be difficult because the existing bandstand is 4 feet off the ground and ADA compliance would be difficult. Lydia - Existing bandstand needs TLC. Hopes to retain existing. Does not endorse a new bandstand large enough for a 40 piece band. Not supportive of additional active programming.

There is much active activity on both ends of the park. Hopes a comprehensive compromise can be reached.

Valerie - Not in favor of a new bandstand. Concerned about increased noise pollution. Worried about amplified sound. Not in favor of allowing the bandstand to be scheduled by the city. Does not want to have to hear amplified sound in her home weekend night after weekend night.

Taylor - The bandstand is the last vestige of what it was in the past. We will lose control of the use with a new bandstand. Could make the current bandstand work. Committed to helping. Would like to keep the current historic bandstand.

Dan - Two problems. Bandstand would become a listed asset managed by Parks & Rec. Scheduled use will reduce unorganized use. Amount of money that would be spent could be used other ways.

Phill - Not in favor. This is a gift that doesn't fit. Park functions perfectly as it is. Park is used by many groups who use it for what they want and then clean up and leave the park as it was.

Margot - Against having more groups come in. Current events can make it difficult to get around. Light pollution. Extra lights disrupt moths. Light pollution is causing loss of large insects. Light also causes disruption of bird migration.

4th in the Park committee will work with neighbors. They will come back if they have a request for support from SAPCC.

Unified Design Standards:

Meeting last week with SAP, Prospect Park and Towerside. Some tweaks were made to the summary that SAPCC approved in concept last month. Hope to have a final with some revisions ready for approval by September.

New Park at Westgate:

City is preparing a packet of design concepts including what could be done in the future. Karen will organize a community meeting with neighbors and other stakeholders.

Roger moved and Keith seconded.

Send a letter to Parks thanking them for coming and presenting to our LU committee in December, and expressing our continued interest in being involved in the planning of WP and our willingness to host a meeting with them and interested stakeholders to review current plans and process.