

Meeting Minutes
Fairview Park Board
May 1, 2017

Board members present: Brandon Butler, Patti Carroll, Brian Hendrix, Richard Edmondson, Jim Power, and Neil Rice.

Also present: Codes Director Wayne Hall, Parks Director Keith Paisley, and Andrew Kraeger of Lose and Associates

- I. The agenda and the minutes from the April 3, 2017 meeting were approved.
- II. Public announcements: Edmondson said the Friends of Bowie Park would be participating this year in the “Big Payback,” an annual fundraising drive sponsored by the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee and held each year on behalf of nonprofits in 40 middle Tennessee counties. He said money raised from the event would go to help alleviate erosion problems on Bowie Park’s Perimeter Trail. The online fundraiser is to be held on May 3.
- III. Storybook Trail update: Paisley said Bob Richards had been selected to build the trail, this taking place at a meeting of the ad hoc Storybook Trail Committee which was held on April 19.
- IV. ADA trail to Joann’s Classroom update: Hall said he is not sure who the city manager will choose to be the engineer on the project, whether he will continue with the current engineer or choose a different one. The current engineer is very busy, he said.
- V. History Village update: Rice said the grinder pump has been put in and the water lines have been connected but that the water has not been turned on yet. A vent in the restroom has also not been completed, and windows at the clinic and at the school house need to be finished as well. Rice said he is not sure when all the work will be completed or when the Chamber of Commerce will move into the school building. Carroll said she had conversed with the city manager, Scott Collins, who had said he did not expect completion of all the work before July 1. The date for the Chamber’s move onto the premises would be set sometime afterward. Rice pointed out that installation of phone and internet service would have a bearing on the occupancy date, and Butler said there is a need for signage as well. Carroll said it would be good to have an historical monument-type sign with information on the history of the site.
- VI. Veterans Park update: Kraeger, of Lose and Associates architecture and engineering firm of Nashville, discussed Veterans Park as well as History Village and a city hall landscape plan. “In each one we’re kind of expecting a city meeting on the front side to invite people that are interested in the project and to kind of collect their thoughts and to kind of pull those together,” he said. Kraeger’s presentation also included a written proposal for each project and a cost estimate. The estimate for Veterans Park is \$5,450, which would include development of a schematic concept master plan. \$6,400 is the figure given for History Village, which would include drawing up a similar type plan. The estimate for city hall landscaping is \$4,300 and would include supplying a tree and landscape plan. Kraeger said he would work with City

Arborist Mike Berkley, whom he had gotten to know while working on the city roadscape project. Carroll said the Tree Board is interested in the Veterans Park project as well. Edmondson asked if the plan for that project would include a handicap accessible trail around the lake. Kraeger said that is one of the things that would be discussed at the public meeting envisioned. He said there could be more than one meeting for each project. Hendrix asked why the Tree Board would be included on the project. Butler said the funding for the project would come from the tree bank fund. Carroll said that eventually the plan would have to go back before the Tree Board to make sure the tree bank funds were spent properly.

Butler asked if maybe the Park Board should single out one of the projects as being “our most important.” He noted also that “we don’t want to just get three plans and not follow through on any of them. We want to be able to take one and say, ‘We want to see this one to completion.’” Hendrix said he would assume the Board of Commissioners (BOC) would be the body to decide which project has priority, not the Park Board. Butler agreed, but pointed out that the Park Board could still make a recommendation on assigning priority.

Hall suggested holding up on pursuing the city hall landscaping, mentioning that the police department may move to a different location, which could alter the planning for the project. There then ensued a brief discussion on lighting at the History Village site. Carroll asked Kraeger if--in the event the city assigned priority to the Veterans Park project--he has a general concept in mind.

“There are some things we talked about and there are some things that I immediately saw when I went out there (Veterans Park) and started thinking about it, because there’s a couple of neat projects here,” Kraeger replied. “So I had maybe some things already preconceived in my mind that I might like to see. But I think we want to get community input before we really establish what that design concept is.”

Edmondson said he felt uncomfortable with the idea of assigning priority, i.e. insofar as choosing between Veterans Park and History Village, pointing out that from the Park Board’s perspective both are of high importance. Power, however, said he agreed with Butler that assigning priority is the best way to go, and he noted that the city in the past has paid out numerous engineering fees for projects that never got done. Kraeger noted that things have already begun moving forward with History Village, and that maybe the focus should be on Veterans Park at least for now. Hendrix suggested shooting for a grand opening on November 11—Veterans Day. Edmondson asked if the Park Board should set a date for the public meeting (for Veterans Park) or whether the date should be set by the BOC. The consensus seemed to be that the meeting should be a “workshop” type meeting. Carroll said the BOC could set the date, and that she would put the matter on the agenda for the May 18 meeting.

VII. Bowie Park master plan update: Butler asked Paisley if the park staff has made any progress toward engaging the services of a forester to conduct the forestry plan. Paisley said a meeting is scheduled for the following day.

VIII. Next Park Board meeting will be June 5, 2017.

IX. Park commissioner comments: Carroll said that in the new budget \$100,000 has been set aside for parks, and she said “there is a lot of hope.” Edmondson thanked Kraeger for coming to the meeting.

X. Meeting was adjourned.