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Land Conservation & Stewardship Board December 11, 2019 Regular Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER:

5:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

Board Members: David Tweedale, Vicky McLane, Joseph Piesman, Andrea Elson, Kelly Ohlson, Raymond Watts, Mike Weber

Excused: Edward Reifsnyder, Alycia Crall

Staff Members: Dave Myer, Barbara Brock, Zoe Shark

Guests: Scott Schorling, Operation Services; Mike Hoffman and Charles Sonnier with Airpak North Development.

3. AGENDA REVIEW:

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Andrea Elson had one grammatical correction for the minutes.

Vicky McLane made a motion to approve the November meeting minutes as amended. Andrea Elson seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved 7-0

6. COMMUNICATION & BOARD MATTERS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

ACTION ITEM:

Soaring Vista Easement Request –

Dave Myers, Land Conservation Manager brought the request for a sewer line easement back to the Board for review. In November the Board asked Dave to identify alternatives for the easement. The request was for the developer to consider placing the sewer line along the east side, versus the west side, eliminate the proposed hard surface road, and that the permanent easement fee be increased to 100% versus the initial 50%. Dave negotiated efforts with the Developer and acceptable alternatives were met.

Kelly Ohlson made a motion that City Council approve conveyance of a utility easement to Interstate Land Holdings LLC. on Soaring Vista Natural Area. Raymond Watts seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Discussion: Vicky suggested that NAD develop an easement policy. She feels that too many easements have been approved over the last few years. John confirmed that the Department has a current easement policy and would send it out to the Board.

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The Board commended Dave on his diligence with the Developer to mitigate their requests. Kelly requested a list or map demonstrating all the current easements. Dave assured he would send the list out to the Board once it has been updated.

Land Conservation Update

Dave Myers, Land Conservation Manager announced the closing on 35 acres on the north side of Vine, west of Taft Hill. Additional potential land acquisitions were discussed.

Budget Discussion

John Stokes, NAD Director and Barbara Brock, NAD Financial Analyst presented on the estimated 2020 revenue and expenditures, as well as the budgeted expenditures for the next ten years. The Board inquired about salaries paid out of blue and green money and how that is determined. John described not only how the Department tracks and reports green money versus blue money, but additionally how blue and green money is used to pay staff. Included in that tracking is a justification for specific funds for staff salary. This process is to ensure that the employee is paid out of the proper category of blue or green money. Those decisions are then documented and kept in a file to be accountable in terms of salary expenses.

John explained that when Daylan left the Department he became the new Staff Liaison to the Board. While he is taking over various responsibilities for Wendy Williams, who will be retiring in January, Zoe Shark will fulfill some of his responsibilities, specifically Staff Liaison to the Board. Zoe was in attendance and introduced herself to the Board members.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kelly brought up some issues of concern. Kelly announced he was on the Board to advise and influence city policy. He felt that some of the discussion items the Board has had in the past have not been followed up on. For example, he felt like staff had not reported whether or not Hageman Earth Cycle had complied with all their obligations to City Council. In addition, he requested updates and information on the following:

- Harmony Gateway Plan Update
- Meadow Springs Conservation
- Kayak Park expense breakdown of \$1M that NAD spent
- Montava Development Agreement
- Benson Reservoir Compliance
- Consulting report for NAD
- Billboard on Lemay and Mulberry update.
- The Department Organizational Chart
- Property restoration over the last ten years, in terms of acreage summary

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Joe encouraged Board members to continue to request updates on items of interest.

Ray thought it would be a good idea to implement a process in which to follow up on Board agenda items. Joe suggested reviewing items on a quarterly basis to ensure Board members were receiving follow up information.

Kelly asked if there were any opportunities to purchase land around Hughes Stadium in an effort to protect resources in that area. John reported that on the Hughes Stadium site itself it's not clear what exactly will happen with the property and ultimately the zoning and development process will determine the final composition of the site including buffers.

John reminded Board members to complete their Respectful Workplace training before the end of the year.

Andrea attended the Reinventing Parks Meeting and the Super Board meeting held in November. The focus of the meeting was the development of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan. An out-of-state consulting firm will be assisting with the overall Plan and will make recommendations once they have completed their initial assessment of Parks in general. Discussion of areas the address were growth and the changing community, expanding access and connectivity, maintaining the existing quality of the experience and establishing values of parks and recreation. Various Board members had the opportunity to discuss important items to their specific boards. The next meeting will be in January.

Andrea and David attended The Super Issues Board meeting where attendees broke down into groups to discuss various pros and cons of parks. The meeting discussion, overall was primarily focused on city parks and the BFO process. David reported that one of the challenges of purchasing areas for parks is providing staff to maintain them. Funding for staff to manage parks is minimal.

Bicycle Advisory Committee Update

Mike Weber reported the Committee had not met since October when there was discussion about the Prospect and I-25 Exchange and the new bridge. He relayed that Tessa Greegor, with FC Moves reported that most of the discussion with the general public regarding e-bikes has been positive. He'll keep the Board posted on the issues as it moves forward. that as well.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Joseph Piesman, Chair

 1/8/20
Michelle Vattano, Secretary

