

## **Revised Minutes of the Binney Park Advisory Committee - April 2, 2019....3:30pm**

Attending: Uhry, Hull, Stenberg, Davenport, Rutherford, O'Gorman, Messina, Beebe, Kramer

Absent: Chapin, Siciliano, McCarthy

Guests: Tony Vitti (Independent Contractor) and John Fasone (BP Supervisor)

### **Introductory Notes:**

In order to help out Mr. Vitti , Pete Uhry met with Darrin Wigglesworth and Mr. Vitti at 3:00pm in order to orient Mr. Vitti to the Clubhouse work and Loop Trail project. The balance of the committee attending showed up in the midst of walking the proposed south end loop trail at 3:30pm.

### **Club House Comments and Decisions:**

1. The bathroom / storage building's back patio was measured and approval given by the members present (9-0) to move ahead with restoration of this space. The patio will be extended with some curving, new concrete laid and blue stone will cap the whole with the idea to create an attractive location for adults to gather and watch games being played. Darrin W. is waiting on Vitti quotes and then will proceed with a PO number and date of install. (target to finish - June 15).
2. Either Nancy Chapin or Darrin Wigglesworth will seek the replacement of the now disconnected drinking fountain on the patio for the use of residents. (Al Monelli to be contacted)
3. John Fasone is to prepare for presentation to BPAC on April 16, a planting plan for the Clubhouse. Once approved by the whole BPAC, Darrin will order the approved plants and plans installation in conjunction with the patio work. Uhry to collect John's design and present it as John will be in Florida on April 16.
4. Darrin, Lisa Beebe and Greg Kramer are detailing a schematic for trees to surround the building. This will be voted on, as will the Fasone plan, at the April 16 meeting. Some members expressed they desired a combination of tall shade and smaller scale trees for this site.
5. Darrin is exploring the deepening of the parking area servicing the Clubhouse for better safety and possible use by food trucks while that portion of the park is in use. One member still favors opening the center section of the building for public use but did not offer a specific alternative use for the space. Previously, the BPAC voted that until a favorable alternative use is found for this space, the enclosed center section will remain Parks Dept. storage.
6. Mary Hull asked that funding be made for trash receptacles for the location.

### **South End Loop Trail:**

1. Plans for a meandering loop trail were discussed with Tony Vitti who is to submit a proposal for accomplishing the work this summer. It was stressed that this was not a freeway or speedway so meanders were in order...even hills.
2. BPAC approved gaining bids for the loop trail - not yet marked but generally agreed upon - especially the area near the playground where the trail will go along the inside split rail fence and away from the ball field. Considerations of user safety, pleasure in

"having a park trail", use of stone dust with pressure treated side panels - all contributed to the conversation. The South end crossing from the eastern creek side by the stone wall will be positioned with safety issues in mind. The east side of the creek trail still needs a planting plan. (O'Gorman, Uhry, Beebe, Chapin and Davenport to offer input on what to plant).

3. Agreement was made to not extend the loop trail along the northside of the tennis courts at this time in consideration of future work on Wesskum Wood by DPW. It was noted that Mr. James Michel has not gone public with his Wesskum Wood Road bridge plan....and this might be a problem. (Nancy and Pete to discuss action)

4. A pedestrian connector to the Arch Street tunnel was discussed but no decision made as to how to achieve this goal.

### **South End Parking:**

Darrin has plans to add (12?) additional parking spaces at the South end opposite the playground and is waiting on estimates from Vitti and further BPAC review before moving forward.

### **Signage:**

Linnea raised the topic of signs. The vast majority of BPAC members favor signage that is simple and not particularly fancy. The Perrott Library black and white signs represent favored examples. Careful placement of a few signs is favored.. The decision about signs was deferred to a future date.

### **North End Island:**

1. Darrin has BPAC approval to move ahead with upgrading the patio on the South end of the island's gazebo. He will get PO and schedule for work to be performed by Vitti. The patio will be enlarged and reshaped with border plantings as one faces the pond.
2. Darrin is aware of the need to repair the chimney on the shelter. Other work is also planned including painting the ceiling and walls.
3. The island plantings will be design by Jonathan Fasone and reviewed by Greg, Frank, and Bill before moving forward. Those plans are slated for presentation to the full Committee at the first meeting in May. Darrin will order plants and schedule planting after a final approval.
4. Uhry voiced opposition to the Umbrella Pine in the middle of the island. "It is the wrong tree in the wrong place and it should be moved or removed." Others disagreed. Uhry also voiced a thought to have a level pedestrian way come around the building to the newly planned patio. A decision to do that was deferred until the patio is finished and accessibility is determined. Raising the soil level of the banks, filling of open spaces along the pond edge and removing stumps and posting " Workin progress on Improving this spot for you" were other topics of conversation. Once a full plan for the island is achieved, then these issues will be addressed as part of the plan.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday April 16, Park and Recreation Meeting Room - 3:30pm

Minutes by....Pete Uhry