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Meeting Minutes - Approved CENTRAL PARK DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION TASK FORCE

Wednesday, December 16, 2009

8:00 AM

Madison Municipal Bldg., Room LL-110
215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 9 -

William W. Barker; Nancy T. Ragland; Joe Sensenbrenner; Bradley C. Mullins; Leslie C. Schroeder; M. Nan Cheney; Phyllis Wilhelm; Amy T. Overby and Truly Remarkable Loon

Excused: 3 -

Marsha A. Rummel; Joseph R. Clausius and Susan M. Schmitz

1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 4, 2009

A motion was made by Mullins, seconded by Ragland, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3 [16847](#) Consideration of the Final Draft Memorandum of Understanding

Assistant City Attorney Anne Zellhoefer stated that the main change to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is that it is a three-party agreement instead of two-party. Added Central Park Skate, LLC. Kevin Briski from Parks provided her with a list of donors which was also added to the MOU. All other changes as Task Force directed. Offer sent to Center for Resilient Cities (CRC) by Real Estate (Don Marx from Real Estate in attendance to answer questions). A copy of the revised MOU was distributed to the Task Force.

Ms. Overby asked about the state of the Evjue foundation. Mr. Sensenbrenner stated there has been no action. They did not have a meeting this fall. There are no available funds for normal distribution. They will meet in late spring. It is very likely that they will forgive the loan, but it has not happened yet.

Mr. Sensenbrenner suggested we add that the City Attorney be authorized to make small changes that may arise. Mr. Mullins mentioned a donor's nickname was listed. Maybe their real name should be used.

Mr. Loon asked if the number of festivals is limited. Ms. Zellhoefer responded no; that was left out per the Task Force's consensus.

The Task Force thanked Anne Zellhoefer for her work.

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Overby, to Accept. The motion passed by voice vote.

4 FINAL REPORT

Mr. Barker stated that he received comments from Mr. Olinger and Ms. Ragland.

Mr. Sensenbrenner suggested one change on Page 3, second paragraph. Eliminate estimated to exceed \$8 million. Mr. Mullins stated leave in "The collapsing economy . . ." and take out cost.

Ms. Ragland stated at the beginning the McCarthy Plan is referred to with a capital P. She suggested we do the same with "3's" Plan. Also, where the main uses of the Park are bulleted on Page 4, define permaculture. She suggested changing "community gardening" to "small raised beds for community gardening" and local agriculture.

Ms. Wilhelm suggested striking MGE on page 5; they're already listed as one of the contributors.

Mr. Mullins stated for clarity, on top of page 3, that he thought one of our concerns was protecting jobs, not just manufacturing jobs. Also for clarity, page 4, first full paragraph, fourth line, reclaim the Few Street crossing (add right-of-way in parentheses after). Page 5, first sentence, links Central Park with existing Willy Street (add and adjacent Willy Street Park creating a direct connection to Williamson Street at South Bready Street).

A motion was made by Sensenbrenner, seconded by Loon, to accept the document as amended. The motion passed by voice vote.

5 [16839](#) FINAL REVISIONS TO "3" DOCUMENT

Mr. Olinger stated that he will send the revised document to "3." This will be attached to the final report to Council. Could be introduced at the January 19 Council meeting.

6 Discussion of role of Task Force during Phase 1 Design Implementation

Mr. Barker stated that regarding the budget, a couple Alders tried to take out the funding. The proposed Central Park has been well received. A lot of people showed up at the meeting. There is a lot of support for this. It was approved.

Mr. Olinger stated that last night Council approved the contract with MSA. There is a public artist piece to the team. Artists will be interviewed sometime

in the middle of January. The meeting with the Office of Commissioner of Rails (OCR) has been pushed back to June or July. There will probably be a staff meeting with the consultant team after interviews with artists sometime in mid- to late-January. There will be a full team meeting at the end of January. Don't know when the first meeting will be for sure. There will probably not be a January meeting, but that could change. The big issue for the Task Force is if they want to continue to be involved. If so, fill out a Statement of Interest form. Seven people are needed for a quorum.

Mr. Barker asked if there any issues that can proceed without the Few Street crossing. Mr. Olinger stated not really. He will report back after the staff meeting in January. All Task Force members present agreed to be involved in the next phase.

A motion was made by Ragland, seconded by Mullins, for Mr. Olinger to let the Mayor know of the Task Force's interest in staying involved in the next phase of Central Park. The motion passed by voice vote.

Hold the third Wednesday of the month (possibly January, but could be February), 8 a.m., for the next meeting.

7 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m. Happy Holidays!

A motion was made by Mullins, seconded by Loon, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote.