

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council Leadership Team Minutes

Date: August 5, 2020 Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

Present: Jeff Miller, Colleen Biehl, Kathleen Hanson, Dave Westfall, Tri Conner, John Conner, Kelly Elam, Office of the Neighborhoods

1. Terri Conner brought the meeting to order. All were welcomed.

2. June 17, 2020 Leadership Team minutes were approved as posted.

3. Update on the Joint Traffic Safety Committee – Jeff Miller has written a draft letter to be sent to our city council representatives and the mayor regarding the proposed additional crosswalk striping and lowering the speed limit to be 25 mph on South Ave. The Safety Committee meets on Aug. 13 and will vote on the approval of the letter. It will be presented on the Sept. 8 Team Leadership Meeting for their approval. Terri to send newsletter information to Kathleen.

4. Update on Bancroft Ponds Projects - John Conner and Colleen Biehl

Colleen Biehl sent an email to Morgan Valliant concerning the Bancroft Ponds Projects. Information below:

-Interpretive Signs Grant: Morgan Valliant has informed the Neighborhood that the interpretive signage planning was placed on hold. With the City lifting the hiring freeze, he hopes that a designer will be brought on board soon. The Bancroft Signs will be included with the other areas that are receiving signs, this will maintain some design consistency throughout the CL system. Hopefully looking at late winter early spring to install.

-Review of Presentation to parks board: The presentation of the Classroom to the City Parks Board has been moved to September 8 Meeting. Morgan will tag team with John for the presentation. Discussing with Donna Gaukler (parks director) and Nathan McLeod, (Landscape Architect), Morgan feels that there is strong support for the project including the CLAC approval of last winter. Moving forward with Nathan's work, we should continue preparing the Neighborhood grant application.

=Outdoor Classroom Grant Proposal and Currant plan: John Conner has begun to polish up the grant application and it will be ready for the Oct.27 deadline. John stated that after the September Parks Board Meeting, the neighborhood should begin a neighborhood support campaign.

-Dogs Off Leash: Dave Westfall shared a recent incident at Bancroft Ponds Park where a dog was loose and chasing a fawn trying to grab its neck. Dave was able to get the dog and back to owner. There are other incidents with dogs off leach tear around the park, frightening people of all ages and jumping into the pond. Dogs are to be on leash, it is a city ordinance. An idea of perhaps using our sandwich signs with reminders of leashing the dogs, picking up their waste and carrying it out at all the parks entrances. Dave will call Morgan with this concern and Colleen will send an email about the sandwich signs.

-Urban Deer: The city had formed a task force to begin to tackle this problem. Colleen will find out official name of this task force. Dave asked that we keep this issue on our radar.

5. Newsletter Update - Colleen Biehl asked that the date of the newsletter be moved to around Sept. 15 due to the Park Board Meeting being changed. A short discussion was held, and Kathleen said it would work with her schedule. Colleen moved that the Newsletter deadline on Sept. 15. Kathleen seconded; all were in favor.

PLEASE HAVE YOUR INFORMATION IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to help Kathleen get the information formatted.

6. Community Forum – No Forum yet.

7. Office of the Neighborhood Report – Kelly reported that Marley Merchen has resigned her position due to her school schedule.

8. Public comment – A n email sent from Derek Goldman concerning the brightness of the lights that are shining into people’s homes. See letter of August 5 sent to Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Council email. Jeff Miller suggested that we have a priorities/ What is important to Lewis & Clark Neighbors? section on the newsletter and have people email them to the team. A suggestion would be the new streetlights.

9. Announcements – Susan Schott contacted Colleen to say she is still interested in being on the Leadership Team. She has been ill with Shingles for the past few months and is recovering.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Biehl

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What is important to Lewis & Clark Neighbors?

Items being addressed by Bancroft Ponds Steering Committee

Duck Pond maintenance including mowing

Duck Pond patrol (drinking and other behaviors)

Dogs off leash

Sidewalks not being shoveled

Urban Deer

o Items being addressed by Safety Committee

Lack of painted crosswalks

Speeding