

Lewis and Clark Neighborhood Bancroft Ponds Steering Meeting

Date: July 15, 2020

Time: 4:30 PM

Location: Zoom Meeting

Present: Dave Westfall, John Conner, Colleen Biehl, Naomi Alhadeff, and Kelly Elam, Office of the Neighborhoods

1. Dave Westfall welcomed all.

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

3. Bancroft Pond Updates

-Birding area – Colleen Biehl is keeping in contact with Molly Dillingham, Park/Rec Dept. Gardener. Biehl's have watered twice and have left buckets in the enclosure near the Stephen's Street gate. Conner's and Westfall's will meet on July 17 at 9am to go over procedures and set up a "schedule". With the recent rains all looks good and there are few weeds.

-Interpretive Sign Project and Trail work – No update on this approved project. Morgan Valliant is on vacation and Colleen will send an email to him next week to see if there is a schedule to begin the project, in particular the design aspect as we are to have input.

-Outdoor Classroom -John Conner met with Nathan Colin, Park/Rec Landscape Architect today. They meet in the park and check out the proposed area. Nathan is very enthusiastic about the "classroom". He felt the information provided by John through the grant proposal and our design is great. He will make the area ADA accessible and there will be a few adjustments in making the area as comfortable, low maintenance and "as natural" as possible. He will work with Morgan to get their presentation ready for the August 11 Par/Rec Board Meeting. He advised that we have one spokes- person and have supporters zoomed in, who maybe asked about why they support the classroom. John has sent his report to the Bancroft Ponds Committee, please if you have questions email John. Thank you, John!

Kelly will check on the wages for the city employees to make sure that is current in the grant.

Colleen will check with Morgan when the packet of "classroom" information should be sent in for the board meeting.

4. Newsletter content – Kathleen Hanson has set up a template for the letter. Colleen Biehl will take information about the pond projects and get it ready for the letter. August 15 is when information is due.

5. Office of the Neighborhoods- Kelly Elam announced that Colin Woodrow is the new Neighborhood Coordinator. He will begin work this next week.

6. No public Comments

7. Announcements: **Tuesday August 11 Park and Recreation Department Board Zoom Meeting @ 2pm**

August 15 Bancroft Ponds Zoom Meeting @ 4:30pm

Info for Newsletter due Aug. 15 to Kathleen Hanson

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What is important to Lewis & Clark Neighbors?

- o Duck Pond maintenance including mowing
- o Duck Pond patrol (drinking and other behaviors)
- o Urban Deer
- o Dogs off leash
- o Lack of painted crosswalks
- o Speeding
- o Sidewalks not being shoveled