

Parks and Parkways Commission December 2, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Scott Discon and the secretary called roll.

Present: Scott Discon, Marilyn Osborne, Lee Frederick, Will Afton and Eric McQuiston

Absent: Karin Crosby and Anne Marie Fargason

Also Present: Louise Scott, Planning Director

Ms. Osborne moved to adopt the minutes of July 8 and November 4, 2019, seconded by Mr. McQuiston and was unanimously approved.

Ms. Frederick moved to open the agenda to discuss Tyler Thomas Park and the Wildflower Garden, seconded by Mr. Afton and was unanimously approved.

Tyler Thomas

Ms. Scott provided an update from Mr. DeGeneres that the renovation included reconstruction of a pavilion and fence replacement. There was no definitive plan and he asked the commission to wait until the renovation completion for any planting. The commission was in agreement to wait for the planting. Ms. Frederick said if it was possible for some of the trees to be planted. Ms. Scott said she would meet with Mr. DeGeneres with the landscape plan in hand.

Wildflower Conservation

Ms. Scott stated she had worked with Mr. Pasternack to get the description for an education article on the website. It was also discussed that a wooden educational sign should be installed to explain the planting.

New Business:

1. Florida Street Tree Planting

Ms. Scott said the replacement trees would be ordered. The leaning trees would be straightened. The staff would research the ownership of the land on the Service Road by Perlis for permission to plant. West Causeway by the bridge could be planted with meadow grass on the bottom area to clean up the edge. Mr. Discon asked how to keep it from being mowed down. Ms. Scott said the planting would be on the sloped area that was not being cut. Mr. McQuiston suggested using adagio grass as a buffer. The cypress and willow trees would be replanted.

Ms. Scott said most of the planting was under contract, but the Mayor had removed certain items from the contract list.

2. Marigny Avenue Edible Forest Planting

Ms. Scott said after the last meeting, the information was forwarded to Franklin Kyle to update the plan which would be complete this week. Mr. Afton said the latest time for planting would be February. Mr. Discon asked to order the plantings now with a proposed pick up or delivery date. Mr. Afton said Bracy's should have all of the plants available. Ms. Scott said without a plan, Ms. Casanova may not have known the number of plants to order.

3. Causeway Underpass Landscape Plan

Mr. McQuiston said he would work with Mr. Kyle on the project. It had been discussed that Mr. Kyle would finish his two projects and then ask him to work on this project. If

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there was an AutoCad drawing, Mr. McQuiston could put some ideas together. Ms. Frederick said watching the water come off the bridge, it could become an educational component.

4. City Mulching Project

The Causeway needed mulching.

5. Park Benches

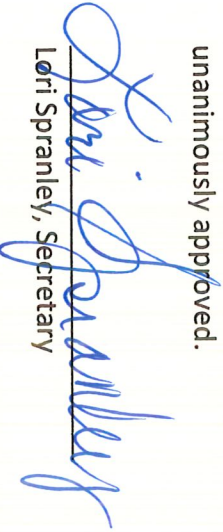
The commission said there had not been any new benches. The Public Works Department had said they would make them on rainy days, but they were short staffed.

Staff Updates

Mr. McQuiston suggested commission members be in charge of specific projects and work with the outside contractor to move it forward. Mr. Discon said the administration had pulled projects out of the budget so it could not move forward without commission members knowledge.

Ms. Frederick requested Mayor Villere attend the next meeting to discuss these issues. Ms. Scott said a contract was signed with Mr. Perkins to complete the Girod Street project. When the Highway 190 project contract was presented, the Mayor said that was not what he understood. It was agreed to meet with the Mayor to further discuss this project.

Mr. McQuiston moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Osborne and was unanimously approved.


Lori Spranley, Secretary


Scott Discon, Chairman
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