



Parks and Public Spaces Committee

Minutes

March 14, 2023 6:00 PM

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Members present: Chair Gary Brunk, Vice Chair Hanna Seegers and members Roger Mason, Sandie Pendleton, Mary Jorgensen, Bonnie Pedraza, Ruth Williams, Heather Mansfield, Donald Lodge, Ian Berry, and Andrew Kaczmarek.

Members not present: Melissa Talbott, currently one vacancy.

Others present: Trustee Kathy Stokebrand, Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson, Ms. Katie Gnau, and Ms. Vashti Lozier

2. Consider approval of the February 14 meeting minutes

Mr. Pendleton moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Williams and the motion carried 10-0 (Mr. Kaczmarek joined after this vote).

3. Staff Liaison Updates

AVM Anderson covered a document outlining current committee members' terms ahead of the annual committee membership renewals process in May. The first Scoop the Poop PSA information meeting was held last week with volunteers that identified being interested participating. Questions from the committee were solicited from the committee ahead of the annual Parks Stakeholders meeting at next month's committee meeting.

4. Introduction of new members: Roger Mason, Sandie Pendleton, and Melissa Talbott

5. Discussion and possible action on 2022/23 Committee Annual Report and Initiatives

The committee began the initial discussion brainstorming accomplishments and initiatives and will work toward completing the list for consideration at the next meeting.

6. Discussion on Bike Friendly renewal application

Mr. Pendleton shared in 2015, his bike group encouraged the Village to apply. There are signs in the Village indicating this designation. 4 year certification and applied to this in 2019. Certified at the Silver level, only Village our size that has this level. Submission by August 30 of this year, and there is a good bit of work needed to complete this application. The Village should do this again to promote the goals that Shorewood continues to make. Judges like to see pictures: going to school, bike rodeos, Criterium, etc. Mr. Pendleton will take the lead on compiling the application before the submission.

7. Discussion and possible action on inclusion of shared streets in upcoming complete streets plan

Planning Director Griepentrog will come back with a plan to develop the Bike and Ped Safety Master Plan in August and the committee has voiced inclusion of shared streets as a component of the complete streets plan. If this will be discussed at the time Bart comes,

the subcommittee is in favor of discussing it then. Ms. Williams discussed using this concept and identifying additional areas of the Village other than one specific area. At the point the plan is getting updated, the committee will investigate whether this is a good idea generally for the community.

8. Discussion on River Park connector path/multi use trail

Questions from the committee included what this would accomplish to improve the flow of people. The current configuration is not conducive to a good design. Additional questions for Village staff asked is this safe, does this solve the problem?

9. Parks Updates

Next steps are to work toward the update of the Parks Master Plan.

10. Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Updates

Items were covered during the regular portion of the meeting.

11. Other Public Spaces Updates

Scoop the Poop volunteers are all onboard to continue, the PSA is moving forward, and the draft content of the letter thanking the bag sponsor for their support was read for the committee.

12. Discuss and consider future agenda items

Janet Henning from the BID to discuss the empty lot at Oakland and Marion- introduce a public space there. Calendar reminders: vote on 4/4 and 4/27 King's Day.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Pendleton moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Lodge. The motion carried 11-0 and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Anderson
Assistant Village Manager