



MINUTES

Attendance: Crown, Gilbert, Lambert, Land, Scott, Tuell; Staff – Bogle, Callahan

The July 17, 2018 regular meeting of the Greenspace Commission (GSC) was held at 5:30 p.m. at 160 N. Main Street (Public Safety Building, Meeting Hall). Land called the meeting to order.

Item/Issue

Discussion/Action

Minutes

Land requested a motion to approve the June 19, 2018 minutes.

- Motion by Crown to approve the June 19, 2018 minutes as presented; seconded by Gilbert; vote to approve the motion unanimous (4-0; Massey and Lambert absent).

Trails

Callahan indicated that the Wellbridge PPD had been approved with several community benefits, including development of 1.5 acres of Horse Branch Trail East and donation of approximately 40 acres of greenspace.

Land indicated that an herbicide had been sprayed to either side of Cemetery Trail and asked for better alternatives. Crown suggested a mulch boundary could be added.

Callahan indicated that P&D would be considering a multi-modal transportation fund grant for development of the Central of Georgia Depot Trailhead. If sought, \$1 million would be requested with a 20% SPLOST match.

Callahan indicate P&D would be updating the soil erosion ordinance per state requirements.

Callahan indicated a team may be sent to an upcoming 3-day workshop (10/22-25), Balancing Nature & Commerce, and asked the Commission to consider which Commissioner they would like to attend.

Parks & Gateways

Bogle provided a Lambert Park and Norfolk Southern Bridge update.

Plantings & Beautification

Crown indicated solutions for certain struggling trees throughout Downtown were being discussed by himself, David Nunn, and Erin Tewksbury.

Bogle indicated The Ricketts Environmental Excellence application would go

live on the City's website on August 1, 2018.

Hodges indicated the Junior Conservancy is interested in promoting the TREE program.

Policy & Planning

Bogle introduced Seth Hawkins, SCFP Community Forester with the Georgia Forestry Commission. Land thanked Hawkins for attending the Commission's meeting.

The Commission discussed expansion of the critical root zone, introduction of a minimum square foot envelope for new plantings, and addition of a tree exclusion list.

- Motion by Gilbert to authorize Land to make discussed changes to ordinance and forward to Staff and Counsel for review; seconded by Lambert; vote to approve the motion unanimous (5-0; Massey absent).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.