

# FoCP Full Body Meeting

## April 12, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

### 2025 Meetings

*3rd Sat. of first month each quarter*

- Q1 - Jan. 18 at 9:30am
- Q2 - Apr. 12 at 9:30am
- Q3 - Jul. 26 at 9:30am
- Elections - Dec. 13 at 9:30 am

### 2025 Park Work Days

*3rd Sat. of 3rd month each quarter*

- Q1 - Mar. 15 at 9:30am
- Q2 - Jun. 21 at 9:30am
- Q3 - Sept. 13 at 9:30am
- Q4 - Nov. 15 at 9:30am



### SAVE THE DATES!

- *Fourth Annual Beat the Somm Wine Tasting Fundraiser - Sunday, September 28, 2025 (tentative)*
- *ChoseWoodstock 2025 - Sunday, November 2, 2025*

Visit [focwp.org/events](https://focwp.org/events) for updates!

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### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://kaufmanhall.zoom.us/j/94331950423>

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### Agenda:

- I. Call to order.
- II. Approval of Election Meeting minutes
  - A. <https://focwp.org/agendas-and-minutes>
  - B. Taryn moves to approve the minutes, Shana seconds, no objection. Motion carries.
- III. Exec Committee updates
  - A. President's Report (Taryn):
    1. Past events report:
      - a) Q1 Work Day, March 15, 2025 (Taryn). Nolan St Planters project debrief - filled 10 planters, 6 full-sun with all edible plants (blueberry, trailing rosemary, lavender, thyme, parsley, 4 shade planters with euphorbia, mahonia gentle caress, southern shield ferns). Mix of natives, edibles, and a few exotics. Lan and Taryn paid Libby ~\$1,800 for wholesale plants and soil and mulch. Shana to complete paperwork to reimburse Lan and Taryn thru Park Pride activation grant. Lan has added all numbers from event to our financial documents. T&L paid Cilantro Uno \$294.03 for catering. Shana needs to submit activation grant, Lan can then get us reimbursed. We had 24 volunteers working for 2 hours (50%) and 3 hours (50%). Libby donated 5 hours and paid her employee 2 hours in the process of planning, selecting, and picking up the plants. Lan validated hours in HandsOn and uploaded attendance to "Events" folder on Google Drive. Thanks Lan! She will add the

hours to financials. Shana will stay in touch with Sarah on Nolan to maintain.

2. Upcoming events:

- a) Trees Atlanta 4-0-Forest, April 18 from 9am - 12pm. TreesAtlanta will do forest restoration and invasive removal in the park. We've been communicating about invasive removal needs.
    - (1) Taryn - will sign 2026-28 contract signed with Trees Atlanta after this event.
    - (2) Bobbie: invasives are a huge problem. Taryn: motion to increase TreesAtlanta budget to \$10k. Lan seconds. No objections, motion carries.
    - (3) Shana - We could hire Woodskeeper. If we do it we need to advertise well to the neighborhood so they can learn and continue. We need the adults to attend so next time you're in the park you can pull up kudzu if you see it. Lan: recommends a neighbors training session. Come learn from a pro how to identify invasives and help maintain your yards and your park. Call it a workshop. First day of summer. Can do a neighborhood pledge to eradicate kudzu? Pledge to educate yourself and make good planting decisions!
  - b) June 5, 2025 - reimagining Chosewood (Bobbie). Upton confirmed. Bobbie confirmed with Webb. Bobbie would like to go on a tour, see the rooftop completed. We need to finalize budget. Bobbie invited Mayor Dickens, waiting to hear back. Budget last year was ~\$13k, \$37k gross, \$24k net. Budget can be \$15k. Bobbie is deciding between two planners.
    - (1) Lan moves to approve \$15k budget for Reimagining Chosewood. Taryn seconds. No objections, motion carries.
    - (2) Deliverables:
      - (a) Taryn will reach out to Bulleit about donating again.
      - (b) Lan can make 20 pens \$30 each, candlestick set of 2 \$100.
      - (c) Taryn will organize silent auction, including reaching out to Jacob for cutting boards, side tables. Can bid on tables.
      - (d) Bobbie will get round of golf, whiskey.
      - (e) Lan will reach out to Press Shop to see if they're willing to donate wine tasting.
  - c) June 21, 2025 - Q2 work day. Bobbie: Trash clean up on Gault Street. Taryn: mulching trails. Shana: fallen trees on trails.
  - d) Q3 meeting - Jul. 26 at 9:30am
- B. Treasurer's Report (Lan) We are waiting to get reimbursed by CDC for website infrastructure. Our biggest expenses are the Q1 work day. We renewed our Atlanta ToolBank membership for \$15. We don't have any funds added this year so far, except we have a few monthly donors. Our Park Pride balance is just under \$56k. CDC will want \$\$ soon for their hydrology study, up to \$25k.
- C. Secretary Update (Shana)
- 1. Koozies available for \$10 donation
  - 2. Roots of Chosewood Park Annual Sponsorship Program - \$600
  - 3. Bird houses are sold out

4. Donate at focwp.org - link on our homepage (select "Chosewood Park" from dropdown menu)
5. Park Pride Park Stewardship Academy update (Shana)

#### IV. Old Business

- A. Unity Bridge & Gault Street Entrance Update (Taryn/Bobbie/Lan)
  1. *CP-CDC/ARPA/INOIDIC grant funded phase*: Nichole/CDC informed that they will soon sign contract with Patrick Hand for bridges, slate trails, and secondary entrance at Gault Street @ Burroughs. First phase of Moving Atlanta Forward Infrastructure bond is currently in SAP (permitting).
  2. *Moving Atlanta Forward Municipal Infrastructure Bond phase*: Point people on the City-funded side are: Tara Buchner (PM/landscape architect, managed by Keith Hicks), a city contractor, and subcontractor Patrick Hand. FoCP has no formal role in this process going forward, other than to apply for supplemental Park Pride funding if needed and provide any requested help or community feedback to Patrick Hand and Nichole.
- B. Forest restoration/invasive plant removal contract update (Lan) - Trees Atlanta sprayed 3x during 2024. We will sign new contract for 2026-28 after 4-0-Forest event.
- C. 2024 Park Pride Legacy Grant (Shana):
  1. Patrick informed that he ordered benches, trash cans. Waiting to order water fountain until through SAP permitting. Shana to follow up with Patrick.
- D. HandsOn Atlanta (Lan): Lan attended training in March 2025. It was a refresher on using HandsOn Atlanta to recruit volunteers. We were used as the model for the training.
- E. Paused projects:
  1. Security cameras in the park - in Dec Commissioner Cutler declined to put the park on the list for cameras. He did coordinate with APD to increase patrols. Please report incidents to us; Shana is keeping a log. Option to reach out the [Atlanta Police Foundation](#) if problems persist.
  2. Tennis Court Mural - this project is on pause while we continue our other projects.
  3. Protective removable bollards for baseball field, park signs, & other smaller projects (Shana, Lan) - Shana and Taryn reported that one of the bollards was destroyed in September/October 2023, it has yet to be replaced. As of 4/3/24 no urgent need to fix bollards until construction is complete.
  4. Review 2011 visioning plan.

#### V. New Business

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VI. Motion to adjourn by Taryn, Shana seconds, no objections, motions carries.

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