

FoCP Full Body Meeting

December 14, 2024 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
- Q4 - Oct. 18 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 for updates!

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Agenda:

- I. Call to order. 9:30 a.m. (Taryn)
- II. Approval of Q4 Meeting minutes
 - A. <https://focwp.org/agendas-and-minutes>
 - B. Taryn moves to approve the minutes, Lan seconds, no objection. Motion carries.
- III. Exec Committee updates
 - A. President's Report (Taryn):
 1. Past events report:
 - a) Q4 Work Day, Nov 16, 2024 (Taryn). 24 volunteers attended. Mulched paths, cleaned up trash, and performed landscaping (weed whacking and pruning) at 1385 Gault Street.
 - b) Sept 29, 2024 Wine Tasting Fundraiser. Keller Knapp, Meta, Jason Winston, Miller Investment Group invoices are outstanding (\$ 3,500). We have received \$3,800. Ticket sales (net minus wine) generated \$781. Total raised is \$8,031 if pledges received. Total raised currently is \$5,021.
 - c) Nov 3, 2024 Chosewoodstock - porch performances with QR code paypal benefiting Friends of Chosewood Park. 9 bands signed up, 7 performed (inclement weather in the morning). We raised \$778.
 2. Upcoming events: We need to vote today on 2025 FoCP calendar schedule.

- B. Treasurer's Report (Lan) We have \$55,559.86 in our Park Pride account. CDC finally reimbursed us after a full year for \$6,500.
- 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. Playground (Lan)
 - 1. Legacy Grant closed out with Park Pride completed on Sept 1.
- B. 2024 Park Pride Legacy Grant (Shana): Submitted final application on November 20, 2024 for \$53,820.39 for 3 park benches, 3 trash cans, a community table for the playground, and a water fountain. Shana attended CPNA meeting on December 9 and received vote of support and subsequently letter of support. Shana emailed Kayla and Avery the letters of support on December 11, 2024. PP also confirmed that they received DPR's letter of approval for the proposal (Shana attended Park Design meeting back in October). Patrick Hand provided the quote. Shana's budget didn't include matching funds but there may be a deficit of \$8k. We may be able to get it through Councilmember Winston's discretionary funds. Or we may need to cover.
- C. Unity Bridge & Gault Street Entrance Update (Taryn/Bobbie/Lan)
 - 1. CP-CDC/ARPA/INOIDIC grant funded phase:
 - a) FoCP Board continues to organize bi-weekly oversight meetings with Councilmember Winston's chief of staff Michael Ulmer and CDC Board for this project. Patrick Hand was the sole bidder. Bidding deadline was December 9, 2024. Next oversight meeting to discuss bid selection and contract is December 16, 2024.
 - b) The oversight group met with Atlanta Housing in November. Atlanta Housing (John Skatch) agreed to transfer pledge (\$380k for bridges) to CDC in cash. Said funds are available. AH to send plans for path leading to CP and plans for stairs to Gault Street. AH was to confirm last week whether there were any obstacles to completing the transfer. Need to follow up next week. 0
 - c) Taryn motion to allocated \$25k to pay Nichole W. as a project manager for this project IF AH funds can be used as working capital. Bobbie second. No objections, motion carries. President note 12/16/24: Nichole has reported that AH funding cannot be used as working capital.
 - 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.
 - a) The design for ADA access to playground/event pavilion was posted in the park and on Facebook on November 3, 2024.
- D. Forest restoration/invasive plant removal contract update (Taryn) - Eli Taylor (Forest Restoration Supervisor) informed us that Trees Atlanta completed their third and final kudzu spraying treatment (Zones 15 and 25) on October 28, 2024.

2025 marks Year 3 of our 3-year contract. Sometime this year we will need to meet with TA to renew the contract. Contact at Trees Atlanta remains Sav Tello (stello@treesatlanta.org).

1. Taryn motion to renew 3-year contract with TA through 2028. Shana second. No objections, motion carries. Taryn emailed Eli to inquire about new 3-year contract from 2026-2029.

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. **The bollard was replaced in October or November! Thank you DPR!**
4. Review 2011 visioning plan.

V. **New Business**

A. Elections

1. Taryn President - Unanimous
2. Bobbie VP- Unanimous
3. Lan Treasurer - Unanimous
4. Shana Secretary - Unanimous

B. Schedule meetings and work days for 2025. **Motion by Lan to approve 2025 calendar (see above). Taryn seconds. No objection. Motion carries.**

C. Update Bylaws to minimum of 3 for quorum; **Lan motioned to vote, Shana seconded. No objections**

D. Planters on Nolan St. **Motion by Lan to allocate \$3,000 to replanting/maintaining planters on Nolan Street leading to the park. Libby from the Victorian has agreed to lead that workday and can get us appropriate plants at wholesale. We can either tack this on to an existing work day or organize a separate neighborhood planting day. We can also see if we can get any matching funds depending on how our other Park Pride grants are going. Taryn seconded. No objections, motion carries.**

VI. **Motion to adjourn by Taryn at 10:21 a.m., Shana seconds, no objections, motions carries.**

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