

FoCP Full Body Q1 Meeting January 21, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.



2023 Meetings

3rd Sat. of first month each quarter

- Q1 - Jan. 21 at 9:30am
- Q2 - Apr. 15 at 9:30am
- Q3 - Jul. 15 at 9:30am
- Q4 - Oct. 21 at 9:30am
- Elections - Dec. 16 at 9:30 am

Visit focwp.org/events for updates!

2023 Park Work Days

3rd Sat. or Sun. of 3rd month ea quarter

- Q1 - Sun. Mar. 19 at 2:00pm
- Earth Day cleanup with Chosewood Park NA
- Sat. April 22 at 9:30am
- Memorial Day playground polishing
- Sun. May 28 at 2:00 pm
- Q2 - Sat. Jun. 18 at 9:30am
- Q3 - Sat. Sept. 16 at 9:30am
- Q4 - Sun. Nov. 19 at 2:00pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://kaufmanhall.zoom.us/j/92255513406?pwd=UnRZSkZpbGZGYUFFVkdjN2cwNUxYOT09>

Agenda:

- I. Call to order
- II. Approval of Q4 2022 minutes
 - A. <https://focwp.org/agendas-and-minutes>
- III. Exec Committee updates
 - A. President's Report (Taryn): upcoming events
 1. **Q1 Work Day, March 19, 2023 at 2 p.m.:** review of [work plan](#)
 - a) Smooth concrete over tree roots (tripping hazard) (Taryn) - help needed for 3/19/23 work day!
 2. **Tree's Atlanta's Earth Day Conserve the 4-0-Forest event, April 2023:** (<https://www.treesatlanta.org/40forest/>) will focus on watersheds, including our watershed (Intrenchment Creek), with events taking place in Chosewood Park.
 3. **Third Annual Wine & Kombucha Tasting with Sommify, May 7, 2023 (time tbd):** Save the date! Sunday, May 7 at 4pm, Red's Beer Garden.
 4. **Bird walk with Josh Jackson of @atl_birds, May [TBD], 2023 at 8 a.m.:** Save the date! Taryn will donate a \$125 honorarium for a 2-hour bird tour by this locally Insta-famous birder!
 - B. Treasurer's Report (Lan)
 - C. Secretary Update (Nate)
 1. Koozies available for \$10 donation
 2. 2023 Chosewood Bark Calendars - \$20 (5 sold)
 3. Roots of Chosewood Park Annual Sponsorship Program - \$600
 4. Bird houses are up for sale \$25 (4 available)
 5. Wine tasting fundraiser - tentative May 7 for 2023

6. Donate at focwp.org - link on our homepage (select “Chosewood Park” from dropdown menu)

IV. Old Business

- A. **TSW survey results presentation** (Lan)
- B. **Tennis Court Mural** - vote on [artist portfolios](#), update on Fulton County grant application for funding
- C. **Forest restoration/invasive plant removal** - review [TreesAtlanta contract](#). Emily Roth of Trees Atlanta to present the proposal and answer questions from the community. As she’s unavailable for our public Q1 meeting, she will attend our FoCP executive committee meeting on January 24 at 6:30 p.m. Link available on request.
- D. **Gault Street Entrance & Unity Bridge updates** - Councilmember Jason Winston hosted working group meeting with City officials re infrastructure bond funding for this project on 12/8/22. We were disappointed to learn the scheduled activation date for this project was 2025. Councilmember Winston and Parks Department are looking for design funding, which would bump us up the priority list. We look forward to continuing to share updates on this major project!
 1. Parks Department contacted me at end of December to confirm ownership of 1329 Gault Street by Deborah Watts. If anyone knows this owner, I would love to speak with them about the project.
- E. **Protective removable bollards for baseball field** - Help needed! Steps: research City design requirements; identify & contact vendors, present to City of Atlanta Park Permitting & Design Review Committee (goal date: Feb. or Mar.).
- F. **ChoseWoodstock Fall 2023** - porch performances with cash donation bucket benefiting Chosewood Park. Tentative date: November 4-5, 2023
- G. **Signage on Gault Street Side to denote park (Lan)**
- H. **Replacement Park Safety signs (Nate)**

V. New Business

- A. Solicitation of new ideas
 1. Install curb cuts for accessibility? (Taryn)
 2. Replace wooden benches with matching metal ones (Taryn)
 3. Community flier board (Taryn)

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For Q1 Jan 2023:

4. *Past Meetings/Events*

- a) Q2 Membership Meeting - At June 2022 meeting, approved \$5k budget for invasives removal and passed a resolution to make invasives removal a priority. Expenses:
 - (1) WoodsKeeper
 - (2) TreesAtlanta (new business)
- b) November 20, 2022, Q4 Work Day - hired Michael Hudgins of Woods Keeper again to remove invasives from future park entrance/Gault Street area. About 7 volunteers attended.
- c) \$295.87 for koozies created by Amanda Peters, so far recovered \$288. To order a koozie, donate \$10.
- d) Trees Atlanta - continues to remove invasives in the park on an irregular basis. New business - option to sign contract with TA for spraying kudzu over the next few years in concert with AH and other neighbors removing kudzu.

5. *HandsOn Atlanta pilot program* - continues to be a success!

6. TSW Survey updates

7. Vote on Mural artist

8. *Upcoming events*

- a) Next work day - Q1 Sun. March 19 at 2pm
- b) Next meeting January 21 at 9:30am

9. Approval of report

- a) Publicly thank donors

10. *Forest restoration/invasives removal*

- a) xx

11. *Tennis Court drainage*

- a) xx

12. *Gault Street Entrance & Unity Bridge*

- a) First working group meeting with City officials was held in July 2022. Next meeting will be scheduled for this fall.
- b) POND & Co. has presented a proposal for stream restoration and is making some revisions before we present it to the City. Side note: fees are > 21% of project budget.
 - (1) Should executive committee search for design-build firms instead?

13. *Front slope revitalization*

- a) On October 21, HGOR and Collins, Cooper, Carusi Architects participated in a corporate workday organized by Park Pride. They completed weed & invasive tree removal (including volunteer trees growing in the fence line and more) and prepared the tennis court wall for a mural as part of a revitalization area for the front of the park.
- b) They also installed the free little library we voted on at the Q3 meeting, which we received from Park Pride/ToolBank.

14. *Picnic areas*

- a) Seasons' Bleatings?

15. Other updates

- a) xx

B. President updates (Taryn)

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C. VP updates (Bobbie)

- 1. *Fundraising*
- 2. *Playground/TSW park design update*
 - a) Phase I ("Discovery") currently in progress
 - b) Survey questions deadline - December 10

D. Co-Secretary updates (Nate)

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E. Co-Secretary updates (Amanda)

- 1. Mural updates
 - a) Taryn: motion to update visioning plan to include mural; motion to approve additional \$5,000 for mural for all sides of tennis court wall