

# Q1 Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan 21st, 2023

Calling meeting to order at 9:35am. Quorum is 4, current voters in attendance: 6.

Lan motion to approve Q1 minutes, Shana seconded. **Approved**

- I. Approval of Q4 2022 minutes
  - o <https://focwp.org/agendas-and-minutes>
- II. Exec Committee updates
  - o President's Report (Taryn): upcoming events
    - 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!
    - 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.
    - Third Annual Wine & Kombucha Tasting with Sommify, May 7, 2023 (time tbd): Save the date! Sunday, May 7 at 4pm, Red's Beer Garden.
    - Bird walk with Josh Jackson of @atl\_birds, Sat April 29th, 8am 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! **Date Changed**
- III. Treasurer's Report (Lan)
  - We decided to add signage for Gault street entrance to the park plan.
    - a) May need to update later on
  - Updating Mural budget to \$2,000
  - Adding barriers to prevent ATV's
  - Majority of budget allocated to invasive removal
  - Replace benches - Top Priority

**Taryn Motion to approve budget, Ken Seconds. Approved.**

- o Secretary Update (Nate)
    - Koozies available for \$10 donation
    - 2023 Chosewood Bark Calendars - \$20 (5 sold)
    - Roots of Chosewood Park Annual Sponsorship Program - \$600
    - Bird houses are up for sale \$25 (4 available)
    - Wine tasting fundraiser - **May 7 for 2023**
    - Donate at focwp.org - link on our homepage (select "Chosewood Park" from dropdown menu)
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- III. **Old Business**
    - o TSW Community Park Survey results (Lan)

- Lan to PDF, Taryn will upload to website
  - Survey ended late last year, overall themes in the responses,
    - a) get to park by walking, and biking
    - b) Still people driving - wanting
    - c) People like trails and open spaces the most
- Tennis Court [Mural](#) - vote on [artist portfolios](#), update on Fulton County grant application for funding
  - Committee appreciates Nilah Smith's work for adapting to small spaces
  - Selected: First reach out to Nilah, then Amanda and Perret
- 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.
- This cannot be done by volunteer only

### **Expectations Alignment with Kudzu Removal program**

What is the nuisance level?

What should we expect from these various types of treatments

What would a successful program look like, what would an unsuccessful program look like?

What happens after the program is complete - what types of actions should we take to reduce risk.

High visibility - High impact areas - prioritization of locations

Manual removal with low impact herbicides.

Which aspects can the volunteers work on - 1 and 9 Zones - Feasible for volunteer group

Areas with difficult terrain - challenging for volunteers.

Low impact herbicide - confirm what are the risks to animals

- 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!
  - 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.
- 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.).
- ChoseWoodstock Fall 2023 - porch performances with cash donation bucket benefiting Chosewood Park. Tentative date: November 4-5, 2023
- Signage on Gault Street Side to denote park (Lan)
- Replacement Park Safety signs (Nate)

#### IV. New Business

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

#### **Action Items**

Taryn- reach out to developers and check on dalton street connection

Shawna on ballard project, Ken- to reach out to City Council member Winston on Ballards

Nate - Reach out to Nilah

Bobbie - Will meet with Toll Brothers to check in on drainage

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**Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.**