

FoCP Full Body Meeting

July 20, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.



2024 Meetings

3rd Sat. of first month each quarter

- Q1 - Jan. 20 at 9:30am
- Q2 - Apr. 13 at 9:30am
- Q3 - Jul. 20 at 9:30am
- Q4 - Oct. 19 at 9:30am
- Elections - Dec. 14 at 9:30 am

2024 Park Work Days

3rd Sat. of 3rd month each quarter

- Q1 - Mar. 16 at 9:30am
- Playground Ribbon Cutting - May 31 (tbd)
- Q2 - Jun. 22 at 9:30am
- Q3 - Sept. 14 at 9:30am
- Q4 - Nov. 16 at 9:30am

SAVE THE DATES!

- *Fourth Annual Beat the Somm Wine Tasting Fundraiser - Sunday, September 29, 2024*
- *Chosewoodstock 2024 - Sunday, November 3, 2024*

Visit focwp.org/events for updates!

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Agenda:

- I. Call to order. 9:35 a.m.
- II. Approval of Q2 Meeting minutes [Lan moves to approve. Shana second. Unanimous approval.](#)
 - A. <https://focwp.org/agendas-and-minutes>
- III. Exec Committee updates
 - A. President's Report (Taryn):
 1. Past events report:
 - a) Q2 Work Day, June 22, 2024 (Taryn) [Mulching trails, watering, kudzu & privet removal by baseball field, trash pickup.](#)
 - b) Family & Friends Day, June 29, 2024 (Nate) [\(Bobbie\) 15-20 people, rain before affected turnout. Mostly parents of newborns. Parent feedback - can't wait for kids to play on playground.](#)
 2. Upcoming events:
 - a) Sept 14, 2024 - Q3 work day [Taryn & Lan out of town. Shana will be leading. Hoping for HandsOn fellow to help. Projects: trash pickup and trail mulching. Taryn and Lan will drop off truck and gorilla cart. Pickup can be limited to shovels and trash pickers. Lan will order tools and give Shana final attendance the week prior.](#)
 - b) Oct 19, 2024 - Q4 public meeting

- c) Sept 29, 2024 Wine Tasting Fundraiser Taryn will update sponsorship packet. Lan will update donations tracker. We have to get sponsors first before we make the flyer. Bobbie has sponsors. We have a venue (Red's), wine (Conner). Deadline for sponsors is Sept 1 so we have nearly a month to market the event with sponsor's logos on the flyer.
- d) Nov 3, 2024 Chosewoodstock Please share spreadsheet - looking for bands. We will make this a real fundraising event this year - QR code for fundraisers (include band name in donation and on QR poster). Cash bucket too.

B. Treasurer's Report (Lan)

- 1. +\$37k this year thanks to January fundraiser.
- 2. Bobbie - should we have another gala in January? Believes we could raise more funds this year. Fundraising goal should be \$100k. The people that donated last year will donate again this year and tell their friends.
- 3. Shana - will developers eventually lose interest? Bobbie - more people want to jump on bandwagon.
- 4. Lan - should we set a date? Or should we put out feelers for Wed Jan 29 or Thurs Jan 30. Lan will send calendar hold to the Board. Bobbie will put out feelers to see which day is better.

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)

IV. Old Business

A. Playground (Taryn)

- 1. This project, which included playground expansion (and walls), new playset, orbit spinner, new swings, new embankment slide, and mulch and landscaping is complete. This body approved revisions to project budget and scope to remove event pavillion. It was also not possible to add lighting or trash cans to the scope of work. See Q2 minutes. Ribbon cutting ceremony in the park was Friday, May 31. Thank you to the executive committee for planning the ribbon cutting and making it a great success.
- 2. All invoices (from Great Southern Rec and Patrick Hand) have been received and the payment process has been completed on our end, including \$10k from our Park Pride account.
- 3. Final steps:
 - a) Watering - we received 12 volunteers to complete dozens of watering shifts! The sod and plants have taken root, so watering is weekly and every other week going forward. After Nate watered on 7/7, Annette C. showed up for her shift on 7/14 and reported our hoses were stolen. If anyone has hoses to donate, or a place to store them, please inform the committee. For now, one hose remains, so we can use a watering can for any plants that look like they're going to die without watering. Lan will check out SE Atlanta Gardeners for free hoses. Lan to add volunteer hours to our records.
 - b) Grant close out with Park Pride (due Sept 1). Taryn will look into the requirements.

B. Unity Bridge & Gault Street Entrance Update (Taryn)

1. Nichole with CDC has been working with AH and has completed an RFP for the bridges and slate trails that she is set to post any day. AH will give cash to CDC for CDC's vendor to complete the bridge. That leaves the entrances for the infrastructure bond with management 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.
2. Patrick Hand update (Monday 7/20) - waiting on meeting with Keith to discuss next steps, including TCF role with 1385 Gault. Patrick reached out two weeks ago, received no response. Going to follow up this week. Keith seems to want to include ADA access to playground as part of bond project.

C. **Tennis Court Mural Update** - this project is on pause while we expand and renovate the playground.

D. **Forest restoration/invasive plant removal contract update (Lan)** - Trees Atlanta sprayed 3x during 2023. 2024 marks Year 2 on our 3-year contract. TA sprayed once this year at the end of June. Integrated Land Design recommended forestry mulching, but the Parks arborist Taryn Heidel was against, however, invasive removal permitted. Contact at Trees Atlanta remains Sav Tello (stello@treesatlanta.org). Lan: [exec committee has scheduled a meeting with Sav for Wed Jul 24 at 10am](#). Shana and Bobbie also plan to attend.

E. **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, it has yet to be replaced. [Shana contacted Parks 2x more, parks staff came to look at and move bollard, nothing more since](#). As of 4/3 no urgent need to fix bollards while playground construction continues.

F. **ChoseWoodstock Fall 2023** - porch performances with cash donation bucket benefiting Chosewood Park. Tentative date: Sunday, November 3, 2024. Sign up sheet available. Email FriendsofChosewoodPark@gmail.com

G. **Wine Tasting Fundraiser Sept 29, 2023:** deadline to sponsor is Sept

H. **Security cameras in the park (Taryn)** - 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.

V. New Business

A. **Handson Civic Fellow** - Lan applied for a civic fellow to run our work days. We did an interview with HandsOn about our opportunities and we will find out at the end of July if we get a volunteer fellow match.

B. **Review 2011 visioning plan.** Current proposals:

1. Add ADA accessibility curb cuts to scope of Gault St Entrance or playground (City of Atlanta)

C. **Vote to approve small change grant project**

1. 2 new trash cans: one by playground; one near baseball field and/or a poop station next to main trash can, as budget allows.
2. Taryn: motion to approve 2 trash cans as new small change grant project. Shana second. No objections. Motion carries.

D. **Vote to approve legacy grant project**

1. Taryn: motion to select water fountain as our next legacy grant project (due Sept 1). \$12k. This project can be expanded if the need arises. Bobbie seconds. No objections. Motion carries.

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