

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.
- II. Approval of Q3 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) Q3 Work Day, Sept 14, 2024 (Bobbie).
 - b) Sept 29, 2024 Wine Tasting Fundraiser. We raised about \$7,500. We are tracking down the remaining donations.
 2. Upcoming events:
 - a) Nov 16, 2024 - Q4 work day.
 - b) Nov 3, 2024 Chosewoodstock - porch performances with cash donation bucket benefiting Chosewood Park. Email FriendsofChosewoodPark@gmail.com with questions. 9 bands signed up, this will probably raise a few hundred dollars.
 - c) Dec 14, 2024 - Elections meeting
 - B. Treasurer's Report (Lan) We have \$47k in our account. Last major expense was \$10k for playground. Donations trickling in for wine tasting fundraiser. Need to get ~\$1500 from Conner from wine tasting sales.
 - 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. Unity Bridge & Gault Street Entrance Update (Taryn/Bobbie/Lan)

1. *CP-CDC/ARPA/INOIDIC grant funded phase:* Met with public officials to get Nichole/CDC across the finish line to post RFP (10/18/24) for the bridges, slate trails, and secondary entrance at Gault Street @ Burroughs. We are 7 months behind schedule, as RFP was supposed to have been posted back in March. Lan reached out to Park Pride about the possibility of obtaining either a grant or low-interest loan as working capital for the project. Allison with Park Pride is talking to their bank about the possibility. Another possible source of working capital is Atlanta Housing, which pledged \$380k max to install the bridges in this project. RFP is live as of 10/19/2024!!

<https://cdc.chosewoodpark.org/projects/rfp/>. HUGE kudos to Nichole for getting this project across the finish line.

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.

a) 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) PH reported that he obtained Parks design approval and is now seeking approval for the overall concept from Atlanta's Urban Design Commission. The first phase that the City wants to prioritize is the event pavilion we left out of 2023's legacy grant and ADA access to the playground.

- ##### C. 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). In 2025 we need to renew the contract.

D. 2024 Park Pride Legacy Grant (Shana):

1. Last meeting, we voted to approve legacy grant funding for a new water fountain, 2 new trash cans (one by playground; one near baseball field and/or a poop station next to main trash can), replacement benches for dilapidated benches in multiple locations in the park.
2. Shana submitted Letter of Intent on Sept. 1, 2024. The follow up steps are attending grant info meetings with Park Pride. Shana obtained quotes from Patrick.
3. Motion (Taryn) to add local wood table next to playground to this grant cycle. Taryn moves, Jacob seconds, no objections, motion carries.

- E. HandsOn Atlanta Civic Fellow (Lan): Application for a civic fellow was denied; we did not get a volunteer fellow match. This is probably a good thing, considering that our capacity to manage a fellow would be stretched with the PP Legacy Grant and Unity Bridge project.
- F. 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

- A. Vote to approve expand scope to legacy grant project (add picnic table). Motion by Taryn.
- B. Schedule meetings and work days for 2025.

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

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