

Ashton Urban Renewal Agency
Meeting Minutes
May 25, 2017
Ashton, Idaho

Chairman Sara Bowersox called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM.

Attendance

Board Members: Sara Bowersox, Mark Chandler, Stacy Dexter, and Teddy Stronks

Visitors: Sara Reinke, Garth Blanchard, and Michele OMalley

Administrative Support: Katie Cook from ECIPDA

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Teddy Stronks made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 27, 2017. Mark Chandler seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Consideration of Invoices

Katie Cook addressed an update on two invoices that have already been approved. One from the City of Ashton for \$42.62 for utilities, as well as an invoice from Michele OMalley for the plants and shrubs purchased for the Pocket Park at a total of \$1,438.07.

Project Update and Potential Projects

Pocket Park

1. Phase II

Chairman Sara Bowersox addressed Phase II, regarding the shade trees on the west side of the park. She stated her understanding for the issues the trees bring about regarding more work as well as disrupting snow removal, but ultimately thinks planting one or two trees there for shade would be very nice. Mark agrees that a few trees would be sufficient. There was much discussion regarding where to plant the trees so that they are not an obstruction as well as what type of trees to plant. Stacy Dexter made a motion to bring in a landscaper (Grover Landscape) to help decide on the variety and placement of up to three trees to be planted in Pocket Park. Mark Chandler seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

2. Sidewalk Damage from Dog Derby

Chairman Sara Bowersox appointed the discussion about the shade trees at Pocket Park toward the sidewalk damage as well since they were discussing the possibility of planting the trees in the sidewalk. Katie Cook stated that she passed on the responsibility of contacting more contractors to get the insurance company a more detailed bid for the insurance claim to Teddy. Teddy stated that he contacted Cade Virgin and that Cade would be in contact with Katie to give her the information for the bid. Katie stated that she will follow up with Cade to get that information.

There was also discussion regarding a chip in the sidewalk from previous snow removal that Cade Virgin could fix outside of the insurance bid that would be around \$300. No decision was made.

3. Sculpture

Chairman Sara Bowersox stated that she posted on various Facebook pages as well as ran in the Chamber newsletter seeking some input from the community on what sculpture should be placed in the park. There was some feedback given from the community and much discussion from the board on what to place for the sculpture project. It is suggested that a couple of the ideas are done rather than just one big sculpture. Chairman Sara Bowersox assigned Katie Cook to get her a contact at the BYU-I Arts department as well as Robert Worrel to get an idea of what they can do and get moving on the sculpture.

Future Project Discussion

4. Wooden Structure at City Park

Stacy Dexter contacted three contractors given to him from Brett Bowersox. One of the contacts gave Stacy an estimate of \$13,499 for the re-construction of the pavilion. This does not include the price of the destruction of what is currently there. The board requested a bid and having this done by mid-September.

There was also discussion about putting a public restroom in the City Park. Chairman Sara Bowersox suggests going over to the park and looking at the space during the next meeting.

Other Business/Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for June 29th at 4:30.

Adjournment

Teddy Stronks made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mark Chandler seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm.

Meeting minutes prepared by Laine Trost

Minutes accepted by:

Sara Bowersox, Chairman