

THE HILLS PARK COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING--Monday, May 8, 2017

In attendance: Gary Weldon, Pat Younger, Jim Morter, Allan Hitchcock, Christy Thompson, Carmen Spencer, Robert Smith, BOA Liaison, Wendy Smith, Village Manager, and guest Will Hamilton, Village resident

The meeting was called to order by Gary Weldon, Chair at 4:05 p.m.

Minutes

Allen moved to approve the minutes, Pat seconded the motion, and it passed.

Treasurer's Report

Pat reviewed a few items in the report (mowing, cleaning fee)

Pat and Wendy will get together to make some minor adjustments to the way the report is put together, especially in reporting capital improvements.

We were under budget for Jazzfest

Wendy- constables hired for security at Jazzfest \$450.00 for 2 gentlemen

Jim moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, it was seconded by Dan and passed.

Old Business

Dog Park

Pam will share when she returns.

Robert got the approval to move forward with the study and recommendation for the dog park from the BOA.

It was asked, "Does anyone utilize the exercise stations?" A few have noticed them being used. Will Hamilton suggested getting the trainers from the World of Tennis to make suggestions for the equipment. Robert remembered that the Park Commission brought in a consultant that does park fitness station for a living, to help with the last installation.

Park Usage

Wendy- There was discussion about how to handle the party reservation, assigning teams per weekend. The applications need to be clarified on the do's and do nots of the rental agreement. The agreement needs to be consolidated into a user friendly document (one document), highlighting important points, with an emphasis on how to properly dispose of the trash.

Gary asked Will Hamilton how he felt about the verbiage on the rental agreement. Will mentioned that his wife was confused about the trash disposal and that the document was not clear. Noted that there are plenty of trash bags provided.

Park Walkthrough Follow Up

Wendy/Angie-still working on the additional power for the pavilion at the park.

Jazzfest

Allen mentioned that the YAC committee were a little confused about assisting with the traffic/parking. But that the youth were helpful!

We all unanimously decided not to do the flyer for the following year, instead bulk postcards were mentioned.

Jim's 24" x 36" poster was great in the Clubhouse! Jim is needing to trace the location of the sign after the Jazzfest.

250-300 attended, less golf carts than expected, most families sat under the trees.

Gary mentioned maybe using pop-up tents next year and families could rent space under the tent? HOA has 6 pop up tents we could use.

Jim noted that no residents utilized the coned off section in front of the bands which was set aside for blankets. He felt that using rope next year instead of cones might be a better option.

It was discussed that maybe we consider renting a large white tent from an event planning company. Carmen mentioned that the club probably has a large tent that they use for weddings. Another option was to utilizing the club's rental power to assist in negotiating for a large white tent.

Pat/Wendy discussed considering greater sponsorship levels, maybe for a certain monetary level the sponsor is entitled to sponsor both events (Hillsfest and Jazzfest).

Wendy did an informal survey as residents were leaving the event, good comments across the generations and they liked the bands.

Pat brought up the point that the banners were great advertisement for the event but that the yellow lettering was very difficult to read. Everyone voiced that yellow was difficult to read.

Carmen was going to find out how much money was donated into the donation box at Jazzfest.

Gary asked if attendees preferred 2 bands or 3 bands at Jazzfest. The consensus was 3 bands, Peterson Brothers were great. We discussed the possibility of having the Lake Travis Jazz band to play before the Jazzfest next year.

Guest Will Hamilton mentioned loving the Jazzfest, sitting under the large oak trees and seeing children playing on the equipment.

Kudos to Jim and Allen for doing an outstanding job shuttling guests from the parking lot to the park. We borrowed two golf cart from the club, a four seater and a 6 seater.

New Business

New Dates....

Hillsfest will be Sunday, November 5th.
Jazzfest will be Sunday, April 29th.

Hillsfest

Robert mentioned that the BOA is on board with tying in the Hillsfest and the celebration of the 20th anniversary of The Hills.

Village of The Hills planning committee for Hillsfest

Gary reported that the committee for strategic planning for the Hillsfest is
Joe-Chairman
Dan K. --Cochairman
Pat- Sponsorship
Also Angie, Hilda, Wendy and Patty.

There will be a planning committee meeting for Hillsfest at Creekside, Sunday June 11th at 3:00.

Gary asked about country music at the Hillsfest, bands mentioned were Lohman's Crossing Band (local), Lake Travis Fiddlers (LTHS) and Will Hamilton mentioned a country music singer that rewrites country songs kids can relate to.

Hillsfest hours 1:00-4:00pm, but it was mentioned pushing the time back a little because of the heat last year. The date is only one week later than last year's date.

Other Business

Will Hamilton wanted to discuss park safety for little kids. Many moms have suggested a wrought iron fence around the play scape or just mainly on the side closest to the Hills Drive.

Open Meeting Training

Pat reminded everyone that we each need to take the open meeting training online. Please bring your certificate showing that you have done so to the next meeting.

Gary is going to send out an email with the link to the website for the open meeting course.
Texasattorneygeneral.gov

The Village Online

Wendy encourages all of us to sign up on villageofthehills.org. Angie said that we can sign up for Nabr Network under the POA heading. It is updated every Friday and comes as an email that goes to the website.

Next Meeting

Monday, June 12 at 4:00 in the MUD Conference Room

Gary adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Christy Thompson


6.12.17