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Green Space Subcommittee

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Notes: June 26, 2018

1. Call to Order
 - a. On June 26, 2018, in the Lower Level Conference Room of Troy City Hall, the Green Space Subcommittee Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.
- In attendance:
 - a. Chair Tim McGee, Ida Edmunds, Dave Lambert, Mike Brady, Pam Brady
 - b. City staff:
Kurt Bovensiepe, Public Works Director
Scott Mercer, Recreation Supervisor
Laura Campbell, Committee Secretary
2. Approval of notes from June 13, 2018 Meeting
 - a. Moved by Ida Edmunds and seconded by Dave Lambert to approve the meeting notes from June 13, 2018 as amended.
3. Update on Review/Action Items:
 - a. Discussion and final changes of work in progress report

Review of Section X – INDIVIDUAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED WISH LIST

Reviewed the three immediate priority plans.

- Dave recalls the Rotary Club wanted to do a development at Sylvan Lake and the neighbors were in opposition because they viewed it as a neighborhood park. Ida indicated it was specifically proposed as an ADA accessible park.
- Ida is in complete agreement with the 3 plans of action but is not sure if this is the priority. One of the outcomes of what we discussed is that there should be some compliment to the community about the value of the green space we own. She would like to put priority on bullet #3 as being #1. We do have valuable parks and other beautiful property that could be developed. We would like to see some dedicated money for this and the dedicated millage should be the priority. We have great green space and we need to protect it and cannot always count on the City budget.
- Tim will eliminate the 1, 2 and 3 and make them bullets and will move the millage bullet to the top. Tim said we will need to add an opening statement.
- Kurt said it is his interpretation that this committee believes that the City of Troy has adequate open and green space. Although acquisition was discussed, it is not necessarily a priority and after evaluating the inventory, including the Troy Schools and undeveloped parks, it is more important to recommend to use those parcels instead of having vacant land and trees. We are going to have to lead with Council knowing we have enough green and open space as this is what the question was during the Civic Center Development discussions and why this committee was formed.
- Tim said the Michigan State invasive plant guide is great and if you have a chance, please look at it.
- Ida asked about the signage on the undeveloped properties and suggested a simple sign that says it is owned by the City of Troy. Tim will add this bullet.
- Kurt indicated CISMA operates with grants and funds from the community but would probably want 25-30K per year for membership. The only thing they offer at this point are presentations and recommendation of companies that assist with removal. We would need more for the money.

- Mike asked if we should add something about the trail and encourage them to walk it. Kurt indicated there will be a ceremonial ribbon cutting on August 1st. The comment was made that you would never believe you are in Troy. Kurt reiterated how amazing and different it is when you walk or ride a trail...COME SEE TROY A DIFFERENT WAY
- Dave – When we discuss the millage, do we want to include anything about acquiring property for the pathways? Kurt said there is \$750K budgeted for trails for the next three years. It is plenty of money but making the decision of where the trails should be is the more difficult issue. We could also apply for grant money. Dave asked about adding permanent running/walking natural pathways (mowed and maintained) at the farm. Tim will add it to the request for the community gardens. Dave also wanted to make sure we mention that any future plans for Civic Center Development, City Council and staff should look to this report. Tim will draft a final paragraph on this....if and when Council proceeds with the Civic Center Development that they strongly consider the 2004 Troy Civic Center Priority Task Force Report.
- Ida believes the final item regarding development should be changed to Cluster instead of PUD. Tim will update and reference Section 10.04 Zoning Ordinance.
- Scott recommended the following changes: Page 3 Available Open Green Space 1st bullet – add Acres and 11.33 – add percent.
- Kurt thanked everyone for their hard work. GREAT, GREAT JOB by the volunteer members of this committee putting together a great report.

4. Future meetings/topics/assignments:

- a. Tuesday, July 24, 2018 Meeting – City Manager’s Conference Room (2nd Floor)
 - i. Review of the report developed by City staff
- b. Date to be determined – Council Meeting Presentation in a Study Session?

5. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.