

MINUTES FROM THE TPNA BOARD MEETING FOR JULY 27, 2017

Board Members Present: Ken Baker, Ray Brundige, Brian Caudill, Clark Cox, Janet Dakan, Stan Esterle, Mike Gramig, Denis Hommrich, Kristen Millwood, Jo Ann Mosier, Chip Nold, Shawn Reilly, Jo Shipley, Doug Thrasher, Rebecca Watson, Andy Westbrook, Jeanette Westbrook

Board Members Absent: Stephanie Callen, Manny Carralero

Others Present: Officer Amy Matthis (LMPD), Ralph Dunlop (1601 Windsor Place), Joan Dubay (1636 Tyler Parkway), Martha Berner (Metro Parks), Rachel Kennedy (Olmsted Parks Conservancy), Steve Henry (1361 Tyler Park Drive), Lena Kearney (1634 Edenside Avenue), Liz Thrasher (1526 Rosewood Avenue), Phyllis Costello (1630 Tyler Parkway), Laura Blandford (1642 Eastern Parkway), Judge Sean Delahanty (1381 Tyler Park Drive), Ken Durham (1819 Edgeland Avenue) and numerous others who did not sign-in

Call to Order: President Kristen Millwood called the TPNA Board Meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Board Member Recognition: Kristen stated our Board Member, Janet Dakan, had been thanked on the Olmsted Parks Conservancy June / July Flyer for her 10 years of dedicated volunteer service.

District 8 Leadership Committee Meeting: Kristen reported she will have to pick 1 committee to join based upon Brandon Coan's Strategic Plan.

LMPD Report: Office Amy Matthis reported there was 1 arson in Mid-City Mall; 1 vehicle stolen; 4 burglaries and 2 criminal mischiefs. There is a new Major replacing Major Shara Parks – Major Aubrey Gregory. LMPD 5th Division National Night Out will be held on August 1st from 6pm to 9pm at the Peterson-Dumesnil House at 301 South Peterson Avenue. There will be food etc. She and another officer are working on getting the statistical analysis of the crime trend together for the Fall TPNA Newsletter.

Fireworks in the Park: Ralph Dunlop stated he was before the Board a couple of years ago talking about the dogs running without leashes in the tot-lot and tennis courts in Tyler Park regardless of the Leash Ordinance which states owners must put their dogs on a leash unless on their own premises or in a dog park. He asked about having signs like ones in Willow or Cherokee Park displayed in Tyler Park telling patrons to put dogs on leashes. Now, he was back about the illegal use of fireworks on the 4th of July in the park. He stated police were called at least twice but as far as he knew there was no response. The fireworks continued past midnight which to him disrupted particularly working people's sleep and dogs were traumatized. In addition, the park was totally trashed with fireworks-related debris and other litter. He felt TPNA needed to be more proactive next year by posting signs saying no fireworks allowed and asking for more police patrols. Office Matthis said she would bring the

matter up her new Major. Mike Gramig stated Metro Parks didn't want signs in our neighborhood and took the ones that were up off. Martha Berner said there was a new regional supervisor so we should again try coordinating with Metro Parks. Jeanette Westbrook said there used to be a lot more signage in the park about leash laws and littering but the signs disappeared. Now people dumped litter from their cars as they cleaned out their cars. Kristen agreed that we needed to work with Metro Parks to get signage about dogs.

Approval of May Minutes: Janet Dakan said Ray Brundige caught a misspelling in the next-to-last sentence in the crime report "Shawn Reilly committed on the homeless people" should be "Shawn Reilly commented..." Ray moved to accept the May Minutes with the corrected misspelling with Denis Hommrich seconding the motion. The motion passed.

Newsletter Content: Janet Dakan distributed the list of articles for the Fall Newsletter to the Board Members before the meeting started for written comments & additions so there was no public discussion.

Beechwood Park Update: Brian Caudill said it started out as a vacant lot along Beechwood Avenue. Now The Friends of Beechwood Park have a budget of approximately \$85,000 for maintenance and etc. for the Beechwood Park. The Friends of Beechwood Park obtained a grant with the support of Councilman Brandon Coan from the Neighborhood Development Fund from Metro Council. He went on to tell us about the festival they were having on August 19th from 4pm to 8pm with the Valu Market Grill, Monnik Beer, food trucks and more. They would get a cut from the vendors.

Jazz Festival Reminder: Kristen said it would be over 3 Sundays in September. Again, no dogs would be allowed. Ads for the festival in the newsletter run from \$500, \$350 to \$100.

Annual Meeting: Ken Baker said the Annual Meeting would be on October 26th which is our regular meeting time. The election of board members for 2018 will happen. After we get our official business done, the program will be to present the update on the progress as now to update / replace the current Louisville Comprehensive Plan "Cornerstone 2020" which is expiring. We are a year into the process with another year to go to at the most. Our neighbors were more engaged in the process than most. Goals and objectives will be presented. We may have pizza. It will be a community gathering. Kristen stressed it was opened to the public.

Winter Festival of Hope: Ken Baker started off thanking Ray for starting the last year's inaugural program of equity inclusiveness starting the winter solstice acknowledging it was very cold. The next meeting of the committee will be on August 13th at 2pm at Brian's house. They were aiming for December 17th this year.

Tree Planting Initiative: Ray Brundige reported the tree planting initiative was alive. We were coordinating with the Original Highlands on the area north of the St. Louis Cemetery. Jo

Shiplely would not be able to participate this year. Katherine Moberly and Ray will apply for a reimbursement grant from MSD. If the grant is approved TPNA will be committed to replacing the trees we plant for seven years; the tree recipient shares the commitment for the first two years. Ray requested that the Board proceed with the initiative and the 10% self-insurance for potential replacement tree replacements as we did last year. Denis Hommrich moved to approve the motion with Ken seconded it. The motion passed.

Projects Update: Clark Cox stated the virtual reality tour should wait if the possibility of the demolition in Tyler Park happens. This tour for Tyler Park was based upon a project he saw in an industrial park in Shelby County. As he saw it, the tour should start in the park and for historical reasons zoom into the neighborhood on streets such as Rosewood Avenue with the plantation houses and then go with the advances of the city into the neighborhood. Mike Gramig told Clark about Andrea McElderry's work, others mentioned, Tom Owen, archivist at U of L, and Ray mentioned the old newsletters and minutes to Clark as possible sources of material to include in his reality tour

Tyler Park Master Plan Committee Meeting Report: Joan Dubay stated as part of the Park Maintenance, she & Mike had met with Bruce Bowman, the new Cherokee District Maintenance supervisor. The climbing / slide equipment in the tot-lot was damaged by the fireworks on the July 4 and will be repaired by the playground division. It was reported at the meeting the equipment had been fixed. Joan reported Seve Ghose, Executive Director of Metro Parks, stated for the \$1.115 million we cannot get everything that is listed in the Master Plan, Phase I. Metro Parks and Olmsted will meet and come to a consensus about next steps for implementation of the Master Plan. There will be a stakeholder meeting (Tyler Park, Olmsted, and Metro Parks) in the near future to reprioritize how the \$1.115 million will be spent. Joan went on to say Martha Berner (Landscape Architect, Metro Parks) reported Design Phase will begin for Phase 1 of the Master Plan. The consultant team should be under contract by October. Martha said there were lots of unknowns throughout the park including utilities, new MSD storm water drainage requirements and what might come from the Baxter Avenue / Tyler Park Bridge study which should be done simultaneously with the design phase. Joan ended up with frequent asked questions and answers that were directed to Lisa Hite, Senior Planner for Metro Parks, and Rachel Kennedy, Executive Director of the Olmsted Parks Conservancy that should be online and in the newsletter.

Other Business pertaining to the Tyler Park Master Plan:

Martha Berner (Metro Parks): Martha said Metro Parks and Olmsted were concerned about the Design Phase in the Master Plan not only due to new information about the tennis courts but also because of the technical issues with the cost estimates in having to reevaluate to current costs. The consultant team hired should have that technical expertise. She also said the multiple utilities that run through and under the bridge will have an impact on the Master Plan.

Rachel Kennedy (CEO Olmsted Parks Conservancy): Rachel Kennedy said she had only been on the job for six months but had twenty years' experience in historic preservation mostly in the west end. The master plan for Tyler Park when the study is completed in early spring 2018 will show historic rehabilitation. Construction should begin in the summer 2018.

Steve Henry, former President of TPNA and Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky: Steve said he had received lots of calls about preserving historic structures. He thought we should think what makes up the historical significance of the park and work to keep it. Metro Parks works for us and they should listen to us.

Mike Gramig: Mike went over how Olmsted Parks had educated us on how to use the parks. He went on to say the City represents us and we should direct them to restore and enhance the parks.

Shawn Reilly: Shawn talked about the findings from the Next-Door Poll: Demolition of 2 tennis courts in Tyler Park which Laura Blandford had posted in 24 neighborhoods surrounding Tyler Park. He said that on July 14th, of the 455 respondents, 82% were in favor of preserving the tennis courts and only 18% to remove the tennis courts. Shawn went on to describe the Petition to Save Tyler Park where their petition drive had collected more than 100 signatures. He had found during the process that many felt left out during the original Master Plan process, their concerns were not taken into account or they never thought the plan would happen.

Mike Gramig: Mike stated in Andrea McElderry's original posting of notes from neighborhood meetings on the Master Plan and what you would like to do, no one recommended demolition of the tennis courts – not just a push poll action evidence of demolish. Mike questioned whether the total restoration of the historic park in terms of design not just the tennis courts the important thing to keep in mind.

Ray Brundige: Ray complimented each side of the tennis court debate on their sincerity.

Lena Kearney: Lena stated that of the 92-people surveyed stated who came to the park stated: they liked the basketball court in the middle as a spectator sport so they could see while sitting on the benches; problems with the homeless in the park had increased; and we did not write the plan.

Liz Thrasher: Liz asked if we could not unite the children together in one spot – both the tot-lot and large kid playground.

Phyllis Costello: Phyllis wanted to acknowledge the time and effort that went into the Master Plan and that Tyler Park is the most used small Olmsted Park. Her simple solution was to move the tot-lot into the unused volleyball court.

Laura Blandford: Laura stated the Next-Door Poll was written that short for all neighborhoods to fight for what is now because people in Deer Park, Bonnycastle or Germantown would not read long paragraphs about historical tennis courts and players like it was in the past.

Judge Sean Delahanty: Sean stated from his observations the 25-year-old Master Plan was still fluid.

Martha Berner: Martha stated she did not want to start over again when we had the money for design and construction in Tyler Park with different versions of costs estimates needed and what made sense in light of infrastructure needs in the Park and the Bridge Study.

Rachel Kennedy: Rachel said Olmsted Parks Conservancy and Metro Parks were working with the Kentucky Heritage Council / State Historic Preservation Office to ensure that master plan implementation of an historic community park, rehabilitation, meets the standard of the Secretary of the Interior's Standard for Treatment to process National Park eligibility for Tyler Park. The definition of rehabilitation: the need to alter or add to a historic property to meet the continuing or changing needs and uses while retaining the property's historic character.

Denis Hommrich: Denis noted users from Shelby Park coming to use Tyler Park were very mature.

Ken Baker: Ken stated he saw the tennis courts more than anybody else from his home. He questioned whether the other 4 tennis courts would even be there if not for the active history usage of the 2 historical courts. He stated his opposition to destroying history to recreate character.

Liz Thrasher: All playground equipment if moved must be ADA accessible so Bloom Elementary school students can use it.

Other Business: There was no additional business or new business.

Adjournment: President Kristen Millwood adjourned the TPNA Board Meeting at 8:55pm.