

Colfax Park and Recreation Auxiliary Board

October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes

I. Attendees & Guests

Kim Seebeck	Doug Garrett	Kathy Dickerson
Shannon Harding	Greg Rhames	Pete Parvi
Mary Dell Flattery	Brad Hagarty	Don Edwards
Dave Mast	Jeff Davidson	Linda Darrock

II. Topics for Discussion

Guests – Jeff Davidson provided an update on the work of the U of I students regarding the Red Bridge project. They’ve begun their analysis and taken a preliminary look at alternative locations – two within the park and one outside the park. The students have asked us to select which of these three alternative locations we prefer for locating the bridge, and then from that point, they’ll begin a detailed analysis of the particular location identified (alternatives identified on map for attendees):

Alternative 1 (closer to our original thought/across to South Skunk River east of present 117 bridge crossing) – involves a much wider span than other two, therefore, a much more expensive option, but certainly buildable and do-able. Any of three can tie into our trail network. There would have to be two piers placed in the river, adding to the expense. Then the old bridge span would be set on the piers – then two spans erected on either side at the banks of the river. One span may or may not involve a part of the original bridge/old span.

Alternatives 2 and 3 – much less expensive. Alternative 3 (in area of land bridge/isthmus between north and east lakes) if illuminated would be highly visible from the interstate. Doug Garrett has pointed out that Alternative 3 is the location of a previous discussion re new access road/potential for easement to DNR public hunting area. Discussion ensued re Quarry Springs Park (QSP) master plan and this alternative. Jeff indicated the notion of a \$2-3 million dollar road is not a lot of money to the Iowa DOT whereas it’s huge for us. Meaning the DNR access needed in the future when the interstate widens is easily paid for by DNR so perhaps we avoid Alternative 3 altogether. Discussion re trail systems along 117 and widening of sidewalk near Monroe Tables building also relates to Alternative 2 (placement @

narrow area in NW corner of public/west lake). Discussion ensued. Note: Alternative 2 would not require piers in the water; only abutments on either end.

Bridge, in all of the three alternatives considered, will be designed to accommodate an ambulance vehicle to cross in an emergency, but otherwise does not afford any vehicle access. Its design is intended as a pedestrian walkway/access to QSP.

Discussion ensued regarding selection of an alternative in order to provide the students with a choice from which they can continue to investigate and report. A majority of the Board decided to ask the students to work off of Alternative 2, with the proviso that it include a pedestrian bridge/walkway out at Hwy 117 and illumination.

Agenda Approval – Kim Seebeck invited a motion to approve the agenda. So moved by Kathy Dickerson; 2nd by Doug. Motion approved.

Financials – Kathy presented the financial report.

Account Balances as of 10/10/18:

- Savings:
 - Balance: \$72,184.46
- Checking:
 - Balance: \$5,557.32
- Cash Accounts:
 - Petty Cash - Archery: \$100.00
- Overall Total: \$77,841.78

Shannon Harding moved to approve the financials; 2nd by Mary Dell Flattery. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from September 12th Meeting – Mary Dell moved for approval; 2nd by Doug. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

- **Promotions Committee** – 2019 Duathlon Fundraiser: Mary Dell reported the committee continues its work on this project. Matt Scotton (Kinetic Edge) is joining us at next Tuesday's meeting to consult. Doug indicated the committee is also considering doing the event as a combo that allows folks to do either event or both events. Discussion ensued. Lastly, Kim advised that Pat Utz has reported that the Facebook donation page is up and running on the QSP website.

- **Operations/Planning Committee** – Doug advised Board members should take note of the handout re forthcoming Operations Meeting agenda. Meeting will be held October 18th. He reported the camping registration kiosk roof is going on this Saturday. Also, the committee is planning to attach the osprey nests to the poles this Saturday, however, poles may not go in the ground if it's too wet. Regarding the second Eagle Scout project (Malachi) involving trail signage – the signs will be barn wood, using C & C, and then will need to be stained. The finished products will be installed with metal poles.

Working Project List: Kim's previous handout has been revised and provided to Board members present. Do the priorities look right? Kim invited discussion; discussion ensued.

Other updates - Kyle Ament is absent tonight, but Doug reported the DNR Water Access grant was submitted. Dave Mast reported he did sign the application.

- **Update on Board Membership** – Board Members/Committee Assignments – Kim reported she's created a document and it will be emailed & posted on the QSP website reflecting who is on what committee and when the committees meet.

Old Business

Water Access Grant – see Operations/Planning Committee Update above.

Park Closing/Sign-up List – Remember: the sign up list to close the park is on the QSP website. Closing is covered through October, but we need more volunteers to sign up for closing in the weeks thereafter.

New Business

Park Entrance Signage – Discussion ensued regarding a park entrance sign.

Adjournment – Greg moved to adjourn; 2nd by Kathy. Motion approved.