

## **Buckingham Pond Conservancy Board Meeting: July 10, 2017**

### **Albany Public Library—Bach Branch**

Meeting Attendees: Felton McLaughlin, Marsha Penrose, Gabi Sarhos, Anne Savage, Nancy Costello  
APD Officer Brooks, the Talbot family—Morgan, Jeff and Thatcher

Not in Attendance: Grace Bennett, Elisabeth Draper, Marjorie Geiger

The minutes of the June 5 meeting were accepted as well as the treasurer's report.

Officer Brooks spoke of the planned Pop-up Bar-B-Que and the shutting down of Colonial and Lenox Streets for the event. A table for Conservancy information and brick sales was approved. Morgan Talbot volunteered to run the table. This led to some discussion of possible street closures for future events, and some potential fundraisers were discussed such as robotic sailboat races.

City approval is now needed for the playground site plan passed by the board. There will be a conference call on Friday to discuss any final obstacles to resolve before signing the contract. Felton asked for feedback, but had not received any prior to the board meeting. Brie has estimated a 10-12 week delivery from Kampan. She will be asked to be on the conference call. It was noted that written commitment from the city is necessary before the election. DGS can store the equipment if necessary. A specific list determining what is being asked of the city is needed. Also, a decision about a new guardrail, which has been stalled for two years, is necessary. And supervision by Kompton of the heavy work to be done by the city needs to be discussed. But the most important missing factor involves total expenses, and Anne will pursue this with Bill.

“Coming Soon” signage would be nice and Gabi said she could contact the City Sign Shop. Marsha mentioned that Frank Smith did signs for Nextdoor. Kompton provides a banner. Anne noted that the recognition sign promised to major donors is not in the budget. A Sign Shop donor sign could be put in a nice frame or mounted somehow. Benches would be desirable but were said to be too expensive. Gabi might be able to design something and present a range of choices for the board to consider.

Bricks will continue to be sold. There is no plan at present for where on the path they

will be placed, but it will be somewhere near the playground.

Gabi reported that there is no new herbicide information. The question remains about how to educate people. She shared a Bay Friendly Living brochure with yard care and lifestyle tips from Narragansett, RI. Anne mentioned a previous brochure pdf that might be reused.

The need for a subcommittee to upgrade the BPC website was mentioned. Input from Jason Cortes is still considered a possibility. The ability to sort blog entries is an important consideration, as is the inclusion of active topics. Traffic was determined to be down compared to Facebook.

It was noted that Amy Walsh, a professional forester, will be supervising the work on Knotweed and that there is no interest in our arranging volunteers. Knotweed continues to travel underneath the tarps.

Marsha stated that there is no BLNA liaison update.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45. The first Monday in August is the 7<sup>th</sup>.