

BUCKINGHAM POND CONSERVANCY BOARD MEETING
December 4, 2017

Location: Felton's Home

Meeting Attendees: Felton McLaughlin, Grace Bennett, Marsha Penrose, Gabi Sarhos, Elisabeth Draper (by proxy)

Guests: Celia Evers

Absentees: Anne Savage, Nancy Costello, Marjorie Geiger, Morgan Talbot

1. Minutes for November 2017 accepted
2. Treasurer's Report for 2017 accepted contingent of revisions by Anne Savage (to show City of Albany 29K contribution and total BPC owes for playground project and city's payment)
3. **Committee Head Reports**
 - a. **Playground Committee**
 - Temporary donor sign installed
 - Commemorative bricks reported sold: 107
 - Brick holiday promotion by email: Gabi (print) and Anne (email)
 - It was agreed to put Brick Sales in the annual meeting letter at the beginning of March to reach the entire membership
 - Benches: Playground / Park committee to bring conceptual ideas with pricing and city standards for the next meeting. Plan on benches permanently in place with poured concrete footings.
 - Washington Park: Is it okay for Elizabeth to share the template for our Memorandum with the city; Felton would check with K. Baines and report back; Board members agreed on conditional yes pending feedback from K. Baines.
 - b. **Park Committee**
 - Follow up on shoreline stabilization: worth having a follow-up conversation with Water Dept about installation of work as it leaves a lot to be desired – discuss at January meeting
 - c. **Signage**
 - Dan Mirabile said that graffiti is not an issue for boulder signage
 - Look into ownership of larger plexiglass sign structures
 - Gabi to develop work plan for documenting signs throughout the city for the signage master plan requested by Rachel McEneny. One park to photograph for each board member would be a good place to start.

d. Membership

- Member count: 179 members (2 merged into 1)

e. Website

- Gabi to check with Jason Cortes
- Gabi to share content outline with Board
- Locate photographer to help develop visual content: Jason C. contact

f. Nominating

- We are 9 members now and need another person to help with Social Media/Website – possible board member or a volunteer who is not a necessarily a board member
- Felton to consult a colleague at work about social media and Gabi to talk to Kelly at Envision
- Send update email to members that we're looking for website/social media help

g. Ice Skating Party

- Permit from the City of 3 possible dates (Elizabeth)
 1. January 21, 2018
 2. January 28, 2018
 3. February 11, 2018
- Conversation with DGS to ice on Friday before the event
- Hot chocolate + Coffee and Donuts – who?
- Hot dog cooker? (Mark to return it because it's BPC \$ invested)
- More detail on planning at January meeting

h. BLNA Update (Marsha)

- Traffic is big discussion still; RFQ for traffic study ready to be signed between City and St. Peters
- New Scotland Villages: 5-story apt with 93 parking spaces is planned for site at Dunkin Donuts on New Scotland Ave (Frank McCluskey and Dan Hirshberg developer partners)
- More complaints about Freeble and Tampa begin made one-way; there was plenty of notice and flyers so there should not have been any surprises
- Police Dept website on crime data: flashing speed signs collect data
- More dead-end signs required for Kakely
- Marsha is AC PAC 14th ward rep – maintaining good relationship between ward and Police – reporting on community issues to police and back to ward
- Questions on Police body cameras and where the data is kept

4. Adjourned 9:40PM