

Cary Park District
Board of Commissioners
Planning & Development Committee
November 10, 2016
7:30 PM
Community Center
255 Briargate Road
Cary, IL

Minutes

Committee Members Present: Frangiamore, Stanko, and B. Krueger
Commissioners Present: Renner

Staff Present: Jones, V. Krueger, Raica, Kelly, Hughes, and Lee.

Chair B. Krueger called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The minutes from the October 13, 2016 Planning and Development Committee were presented for approval.

Frangiamore made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 13, 2016 Planning and Development Committee. Second by Stanko.

Voice vote: 3-0. All voting yes. Motion carried.

There were no matters from the Commissioners, Public, or Staff.

The first item for Direction to be discussed was the Cary-Grove Historical Society, William D. Cary Sculpture Project. Jones explained that the Cary-Grove Historical Society wants to commission a bust of William Cary to be placed permanently in a park for public viewing.

Raica introduced Pam Losey, President of the Cary-Grove Historical Society and Erik Ringstrand and Brandon Losey of Ringers Landscaping of Fox River Grove. He also introduced Guy and Elizabeth Bellaver who would be designing the bust. Raica explained the Park District was approached by P. Losey in August with an idea to put a bust of William Carey at either Veterans Park or Jaycee Park, and after walking both sites, it was determined that Jaycee Park would be a better location.

P. Losey explained that years ago money was donated to the CGHS, and she was tasked with determining how it was to be used. Losey stated she felt showing our community who our founding father would be a good use of that donation. She explained that after looking for sculptors across the country she came across Guy Bellaver from St. Charles. She explained the CGHS would like to build a larger bust, and would fundraise to do this, but is asking the Park District for an additional \$2,500 to get a larger bust.

E. Bellaver explained the process involved in constructing the bust off a single image, and G. Bellaver did a presentation on the process of producing a sculpture.

Ringers Landscaping explained their donation of time and materials for the landscaping and installment of the bust at Jaycee Park. Staff at Ringers Landscaping are working with G. Bellaver so the bust can be anchored through the pedestal to make it sturdier. A plaque would be placed on the front of the pedestal base with landscaping around the base. Below the concrete pad would be pillars for stability.

Renner asked if the bust would be placed on land that William Cary owned. P. Losey responded no, however the view across the pond at Jaycee would be very representative of the view Cary had when first settling here.

Renner asked if the base could be colored to offset it and make it stand out from the limestone caps. He then asked if Jaycee Park could eventually become a sculpture park, and Raica said that this is something that could be looked at in the future.

General discussion was held regarding all facets of the project. The consensus of the Committee was that this was a worthy project too support.

Frangiamore moved to recommend Board of Commissioners approval of Jaycee Park as the location of an original sculpture (bust) of William Dennison Cary – Founder of Cary, Illinois. Second by Stanko.

Voice vote: 3-0. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Stanko moved to recommend Board of Commissioners acceptance of a donation from the Cary-Grove Historical Society and Ringers Landscaping – Fox River Grove of a sculpture project to include a bust of William D. Cary, stone faced masonry pedestal base, associated hardscape, and plantings with an estimated minimum value of \$10,000-\$12,000. Second by Frangiamore.

Voice vote: 3-0. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Staff and Commissioners thanked P. Losey, Ringstrand, B. Losey, and Mr. and Mrs. Bellaver for their time and coming to the meeting.

Jones next discussed the Milk House and Tool Mechanics Shed at Sands Main Street Prairie. He explained that this week staff discovered damage to the Milk House when some of the clay tiles fell out of the structure. He stated that it did not appear to be vandalism. Jones stated that the area and structure are a safety issue and that discussion on a direction with regarding to the Milk House was important to accomplish this evening.

The Commissioners asked Raica if the structure had any historical significance, and he stated that it did. He explained that in the early 1900's Cary was populated by Dairy

Farms that would supply milk to Chicago. This Milk House was used to keep the milk cool until it could be shipped, so the existing one at Sands Main Street Prairie shows how things were done over 100 years ago.

Renner explained he would not like to tear down the structure, but would like to find out the costs associated with restoring and/or renovating the structure. Stanko agreed with this premise.

After discussion and viewing the photos of the damaged structure, the Committee directed staff to investigate the costs associated with removal and then rebuild of the Milk House as a historical representation and the cost of restoring the structure. Stanko also requested the cost of rebuilding the structure include it with and without a roof.

The Committee and staff agreed that substantial fencing should be put in place to protect the structure and make the area safe, then find out the costs of restoration and the cost of a new build. Jones stated that this would be addressed promptly.

Jones next presented images of the Tool Mechanic Shed located at Sands Main Street Prairie to the Committee that showed damage occurring around the foundation. The current use of the structure is as storage for lawn mowers and/or snow removal equipment.

Raica explained that the foundation walls are moving away from the structure, so silt plates are actively moving on the western portion of the shed. He also stated that the walls are starting to bow out and rot. Renner asked if the structure was currently safe to use, and Jones explained that it was, and staff would continue to monitor the structure regularly. If the structure becomes so unsound that it cannot be used as storage, equipment will be removed. Discussion amongst the Committee and staff explored ideas to shore up the foundation, bind the walls from moving and what could be done to slow the structure decline. Previously the structure was not determined to have historical value during a formal review of the site.

Jones asked if there were any other items for discussion, and Stanko expressed an interest in exploring concepts for the long term development of Veterans Park. Jones explained that the Master Plan identifies consideration of this item several years from now. Because of the intensity of the Action Plan item being worked through now, it will be difficult for staff to designate time to devote to this project, without removing something else.

Stanko made a motion to adjourn. Second by Frangiamore.

Voice vote: 3-0. All voting yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 PM.