

VILLAGE OF WESLEY CHAPEL PARKS & REC MINUTES

September 6, 2011-6:30 PM

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church
120 Potter Road, Wesley Chapel, NC 28110

Committee Members Present: John Lepke, Marnie Holland, Kim Bayha, Julie Brown, Elaine Rosoff

Committee Members Absent: Bill Bennett, Regina Hilbert, Pat Utley, Janet Brower

Non-Committee Members Present: Council Member Sondra Bradford, Carol Mullis, Becky Plyler

John Lepke called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

DISCUSSION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF DESIGN FIRM FOR DOGWOOD PARK

Lepke noted that Bill Bennett's report of the references was at a summary level but did not indicate answers from each firm queried on the designers. Lepke read Bill's summary sheet into the minutes.

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PARK & REC COMMITTEE Bid Reference
Town Office,
4107 New Town Road, Waxhaw, NC 28173
April 17, 2011 – 7 PM

Teresa Hawkins References – Non-project specific referrals. Each referral was team person orientated. Could not cross check specific projects across team. Most references were for school related projects. Overall rating – 2 out of 5

Wirth & Associates – All references called responded. All projects completed on time and with-in budgets. All references said Wirth went above and beyond what they expected. All parks designed and constructed were all very minimal maintenance for the towns. One town said that a change was created by the town and the Wirth team took care of it no charge. Overall Rating – 5 out of 5

HadenStanziale - Only one reference would respond – all three were called multiple time and had to leave a message. One respondent said that this group did good work, but they were not in-expensive. Overall rating – 3 out of 5

Submitted by:

Bill Bennett
09/04/2011

Lepke noted that according to ranking by Parks & Rec members, Wirth ranked first and Haden Stanziale ranked second.

Elaine expressed concern with Wirths' choice of architect because the prices he gave when estimating the expense of converting the house at Dogwood into a town hall were extremely expensive and vastly different from the prices he gave to convert it to a community center. Julie said she couldn't hold Wirth responsible for the architect's actions on an independent project and that it only impacted Alternate A anyway.

Elaine provided her hard copy scoring sheet to Marnie, and Lepke provided Bill's hard copy scoring sheet for compilation.

Lepke said that the general scores for Wirth and Haden Stanziale came out roughly even but that their respective costs were not.

Marnie read Janet's comments into the record.

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Janet was concerned that the engineer who worked with both Hawkins and Wirth gave two different perspectives on the dam and stormwater management.

Marnie said she liked Wirth's approach to a property with a dam that he developed.

Julie said Haden Stanziale was great for the PARTF grant and that we needed them for that portion despite the higher cost. They got two \$500,000 grants for us.

Julie made the motion that subject to getting detailed reference information from Bill Bennett and subject to the averages not changing significantly when all input is entered, the Parks & Recreation Committee should recommend Wirth & Associates for managing the permits and construction of Dogwood Park. Elaine Rosoff seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Lepke mentioned for the record that although he couldn't attend, Bill was also in favor of moving forward with Wirth.

Kim appreciated that Wirth wanted our feedback. Julie liked his spunkiness. She said he was a problem solver and would go to bat for us when dealing with other agencies.

John Lepke explained the cost sheets he'd prepared. He tried to get the project cost data in a comprehensive format since some firms provided different data. For example, Hawkins didn't include the price of the pier. They also quoted a price for an 8' wide paved walking trail; the other firms quoted a 10' paved walking trail, but the cost per square foot was the same among all firms.

John Lepke noted that someone has cut a path north of the sewer easement on Lester Davis Road into the property. He suggested that if we have excess funds available we should consider fencing along Lester Davis Road from the sewer easement to the corner of the property. He also suggested getting a smoke alarm wired in along with the burglar alarm.

Elaine suggested to formally ask Council to temporarily move the town hall offices to the Dogwood park site until the new town hall is complete. She said it would save the Village rent paid to the current town hall offices since we own this building outright, it's closer to the center of town, it would provide more space, and it would keep people at the park site, thereby discouraging vandalism.

Lepke noted we would need a ramp for handicapped accessibility and a fire extinguisher. That was all that was required of the current town offices.

The committee made it clear that this motion was not intended to stall the new town hall from being built on the 6 acres by Target. Julie Brown said she'd assist moving and thought volunteers could take care of that.

Elaine Rosoff made the motion to ask Council to consider relocating the town offices to the Dogwood house until the new town hall could be built. Julie Brown seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously in favor of asking Council to formally consider this request.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Lepke", with a small comma at the end.