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1. General Board Issues and Financial Report

Directors and Officers insurance is in place. The cost for this insurance is \$853/yr.

\$300K of the Mahler bequest for paving the Orr park to Stephens park trail will be re-allocated to preservation and/or improvement costs on the Mahler house at Shoal Creek Park. The executor of the bequest, Gary Muehlbauer, was present and agrees with the repurposing of the bequest.

The Treasurer, Susan Fulmer, reported that the current funds in the foundation account are \$102K. The checking account has been setup at Trustmark bank. An accounting system for receiving contributions needs to be setup. Quickbooks software was suggested and possibly using Square hardware and software as well; however Square charges a percentage fee for every transaction. Susan will continue to research.

2. Trailhead/bathroom/pavilion facility

A Phase II archeological dig will take place this summer and will cover the location where the proposed trailhead, pavilion, and bathroom facility would go. This must be completed prior to moving forward with the facility construction plans. If the archeological investigation finds any artifacts of interest on the proposed facility location, then either a phase III archeological dig would be needed or relocation of the facility will be necessary.

Thanks to Joe and Terry Arnold for planting the sunflowers at Shoal Creek Park.

A Shoal Creek Park opening is planned for after the pavilion's completion and will require volunteers for planning. The Montevallo Parks Committee will hopefully lead this effort.

3. House Committee

With respect to the discussion during the last board meeting in March on official names for the house at Shoal Creek Park: Perry-Mahler house is favored since it will recognize both families. Farm heritage status should be considered for the house. This status could provide a possible grant source. Melinda Nix, from the Montevallo Historical Commission, agreed to research this issue.

Gutters have been removed from the house. Termite service is also now in place.

Three proposals were received for the first phase of the house evaluation. These proposals were from Rob Walker, Turner Batson, and Christy/Cobb. Christy/Cobb is a structural firm and has more experience with older homes. Christy/Cobb is selected to do the preliminary evaluation of the structural integrity of the house and evaluate the scope necessary to shore of the house for renovations.

A motion was made and passed to move forward with a contract of \$10K with Christy/Cobb to assess the structural state of the house. This study will be contracted through the City such that it is paid from the \$300K of the bequest reallocated from the trail paving project to the Perry-Mahler house. A motion

was made and passed to ask the city to spend \$10K on the study to be performed by Christy/Cobb on the Perry-Mahler house.

This study will require targeted demolition to assess the structure. The assessment will make use of the existing assessment to the extent possible. The results of the assessment will be an evaluation of what improvements and repairs would be required for the house to be used in the context desired as a meeting and party venue capable of occupancy of 50 people.

Alex made the recommendation that consideration should be to replacing the existing structure with a replica of the house if the house cannot be preserved or if the renovation cost for the existing house are prohibitively high. There is some uncertainty as to is this would meet the requirements of the behest. Also, replacing the existing historical home with a replica structure would not meet the wishes of many in the community who would want to preserve the existing historical structure of the Perry-Mahler house.

Sherry pointed out that replacing the house with a replica would destroy the historical significance of the house and that committing to restoring the home to the 1940 status would make the existing house eligible for historical registry.

4. Event Committee

The event committee is in progress of contacting the various event entities in Montevallo for discussion and coordination.

5. Cattle Committee

The Cattle Committee has drafted and request for proposal (RFP) for rental of a portion of the Shoal Creek Park for grazing and keeping cattle. The RFP would:

- provide an income of \$1000 to \$1200 (annual?). The RFP
- provide stipulations and requirements that would help control the damage done by the cattle to the creek bank and property
- require additional fencing that would control the erosion on the creek bank
- allow pedestrian access to all parts of the park except where the cattle are kept. The would include access to the other bank of the creek and the wooded area at the back of Shoal Creek Park.

Questions were raised as to how the RFP would be released. Also, does the current tenant have RFP preference? The property title is in the city's control and it would be the city that would need to release the RFP. Terry recommended releasing the RFP to the public to make it fair and competitive.

An evaluation of the land where the cattle are to be kept is required to ensure it isn't needed for some other purpose prior to committing to a cattle lease. The Mayor stated that she would like to discuss the details of the RFP with Lonnie prior to the committee making any motion on the RFP.

6. Floodway Study

A floodway study is required if a bridge is to be constructed across the creek. The floodway study is also needed for the long term plan. The floodway study is estimated to cost \$16K. It is recommended that Marty Martin perform the study due to his familiarity with Shoal Creek: He performed the floodway study for the Alabama National Cemetery adjacent to Shoal Creek. Marty Martin may retire soon which make contracting the floodway study time sensitive. A motion was made and passed to have the floodway study completed by Marty Martin for a contract of up \$20K maximum cost.

7. Updates

The development of a long term plan for Shoal Creek Park is in progress.

Mike Hardig has developed a plant identification guide for Shoal Creek Park and this is now available. Thanks to Mike for all his hard work in developing this guide.

Terry Arnold has developed an “Armchair and Hiker’s guide to Shoal to Shoal Creek Park” that works with Google Earth software to present gps located trails which largely follow mowed trails opened and maintained by the City of Montevallo Parks Dept. Places of interest along the trails are noted by stick pins, (placemarks). When selected the placemarks open, providing additional information, images, description, or both. It has run successfully on Android tablet and telephone, P.C. and I phone, and on all seems dependable and stable. It can provide knowledge about the park from a remote (armchair) environment or with location services (gps) activated, be used with a portable device as a personal guide in exploring on the ground the park's features and trails. The google earth imagery to be used is dated October 2016. Thanks to Terry for developing this guide.