

Shoal Creek Park Foundation Board Minutes
9-26-18

The mission of SCP is to provide a diverse and sustainable retreat for Montevallo residents and visitors that promotes its natural surroundings, health, regional history, environmental education, arts and agriculture.

Members present: Terry Arnold, Dee Woodham, H.G. McGaughey, Susan Fulmer, Bill Glosson, Marty Everse, Carey Heatherly, Sue Wilder-White, and Cheryl Patton

Members absent: Cameron Vowell, Dan Ruth, Philip Busby, Nisa Miranda, Robert Miller, John Nix, and Mike Hardig

Ex-officio present: Mayor Hollie Cost, Mary Ellen Heuton (representing John Stewart)
Ex-officio absent: Eldon Woodie, Alex Dudchock, Tom Walker

Others present: Pamela Smith, Shane Baugh, Sidney Aguilar, Ashton Cottingham

1. General Board Issues and Financial Report

The board approved the June minutes, with one typo correction.

The board approved Pamela Smith to fill out Gary's board seat.

Dee reminded board members that she needs volunteers for a nominating committee, so please let her know if you're interested.

Susan reported the current bank balance of \$82,636.61 and the few transactions and interest since our last meeting. She reminded the board of the history of the account: It was opened 11-15-16 with a deposit of \$2939.60 from the sale of the house contents, another deposit from house contents of \$76.00 on 12-13-16 and \$100k on 12-15-16, which was a deposit from the Mahler bequest for general park issues. Montevallo City Council directed this money to the Foundation. This is the only money the Foundation controls.

2. Trailhead/bathroom/pavilion facility- Brad Davis of Wayne Davis Construction expects to start construction (pad has been prepared) 10-1 and completion by 1-1-19. Dee asked for volunteers to work with the trailhead sign, which the county will build. Carey explained all the archived pictures and information stored at UM about the Mahlers. The Board discussed using some of the old pictures at the pavilion, at the bridge and potentially around the house. Marty, Cheryl, HG and Bill volunteered to help. We'll need to find donors to fund this.

3. **Grand opening of park-** Montevallo Park Board, under Pamela's leadership, will plan the grand opening, with a projected date of 3-16-19. Hollie, Philip Busby, Cheryl and Dee had volunteered to help from SCPF. Dee asked Bill to get volunteers from Historical Commission. Dee will check with the county to verify completion date for the bridge and Marty pointed out that planning on a specific date might need to be tentative, given unknown weather and construction schedules.

4. **Event Committee-** Mary Ellen, Sue, A.V. representative Mike Jones. The committee met and identified issues for further review: operational issues for all parks, but SCP in particular (hours of operation, alcohol policy, priority of events etc) and the potential to pool resources of City, UM and AV for events marketing and to more broadly consider economic development initiatives simultaneously. Mary Ellen also complemented Carey on his and his student's work on "Clio," an app that highlights historical places around Montevallo. Everyone was interested in adding the Perry/Mahler house and homestead to the app.

5. **Marketing/communications/fundraising-** Cheryl is managing the facebook page and she recommended a SCP website. The board approved up to \$560 for the cost of designing and creating a website and domain name, contingent on reviewing what the library foundation is doing and how this will interact or work with the park board's website.

The board discussed the proposed park logo. Dee will ask the Mayor to have a logo created with the house and a creek, and the creek with a bridge. Cheryl needs a logo for a membership drive and to build brand awareness. The board can vote by email on three logo choices.

Cheryl discussed the "Feed a Bee program!" and Dee handed out Mike's pollinator sign idea. Dee, Cheryl, Mike and Terry will work on the grant.

6. **Tree/Property-** Terry will work with Mike to locate the GPS coordinates of Mike's plan. Dee reported about a visit from the Freshwater Land Trust representative, who can help us with a small controlled burn, if needed.

7. **Bridge-** Dee thanked Terry for his work on making sure the floodplain survey followed FEMA guidelines and was sensitive to cost of future bridge crossing. Without cost to the City, the contractor subsequently made changes to the study that resulted in shortening the span of the future northern-most bridge from 80 feet to 60 feet. The county has staked the bridge going in soon. It's very close to the existing footbridge. The county is also putting in 2 miles of trails. Terry has mapped his idea for the trail. Anyone interested in working on this needs to let Dee know.

8. **Birding Trail-** Dee reported that she is still working with Nisa on this and it'll be pursued in the fall.

9. **House-** Name: Perry/Malher House

Marty summarized and distributed Chad's report summarizing the meeting of Marty, Janice (historical commission representative) and the County. Dee reported that City Council approved: the Montevallo Historical Preservation Commission's nomination of Perry/Mahler Home for the National Register of Historic Places and approved Perry/Mahler House renovation managed by the county in conjunction with SCPF representative and Historic Commission representative for use as a caretaker house.

10. **Camp McDowell trip:** Hollie asked if anyone wanted to attend a meeting at Camp McDowell on 10-25th and 26th. Shane, Hollie and Dee plan to attend to get ideas.

The next board meeting is 1-9-19 at 1:00 at City Hall.