

Shoal Creek Park Foundation Board Minutes
6-27-18

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. McGaughy, Susan Fulmer, John Nix, Bill Glosson, Marty Everse, Carey Heatherly, Mike Hardig

Members absent: Cameron Vowell, Dan Ruth, Sue Wilder-White, Philip Busby, Nisa Miranda, Robert Miller

Ex-officio present: Mayor Hollie Cost, Alex Dudchock, Mike James (representing Tom Walker)

Ex-officio absent: Eldon Woodie, Mary Ellen Heuton (representing John Stewart)

Others present: Sherry Vallides, Reed Prince

1. General Board Issues and Financial Report

Dee welcomed new board members: Marty Everse, John Nix, Mike Hardig, Cheryl Patton, Bill Glosson, Carey Heatherly and ex-officio: Eldon Woodie

Dee reported that Gary M. has tendered his resignation from the board. The board thanked him for his service. He will be missed.

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

The board approved the minutes from our March meeting.

Susan reported: the current bank balance is \$83,695; D&O insurance has been paid; the 990 has been filed and the interest on our bank account has been increased.

2. The Board approved a motion to recommend to City Council that it take no action on a potential **Scott bid for the property** on the south side of SCP. Terry pointed out that Ms. Mahler stated the first property to be sold should be a different parcel (on north side of Hwy 119 and closest to town). The board also didn't want to give up control of the property directly across from the homestead and felt there is no pressing need for resources at this time.

3. Trailhead/bathroom/pavilion facility- Dee reported that Wayne Davis Construction was the low bid and the City Council has approved this bid. Construction will start in mid-July and take about six months. The cost of the entire project, including some self-performed city work, will be about \$180k. \$100 is from the RTP grant written by the Mayor and the remainder from the Mahler bequest for trails connecting to or within SCP.

4. Grand opening of park- Dee reported that the Montevallo Park Board will plan this event, expected in the spring. Hollie, Philip Busby and Dee had volunteered to help from SCPF. Dee reminded Sherrie and Bill that we need a few volunteers from Historical Commission.

5. Event Committee- Mary Ellen, Sue, A.V. representative Mike Jones. No report.

6. Marketing/communications/fundraising- Cheryl Patton is leading this effort. With Terry Arnold & Rob Miller's help, an email list of volunteers has been created. Dee explained that Shelby county is creating a non-profit volunteer website and training will occur soon. Dee asked Hollie to please let Cheryl know the training schedule. Cheryl has taken over the SCP facebook page. Cheryl also has worked on ideas for trinkets and other give-aways that could use the logo.

The board discussed the proposed park logo. The board asked Hollie to find out how much it would cost to change the logo to include an image of the house.

Dee handed out a grant idea from Cheryl called "Feed a Bee program!" Mike suggested we use the grant money for signage, since we have plenty of natural pollinators on site. The board approved recommending this grant to the City Council. Cheryl, Mike, Terry and Dee will work on it.

7. Tree Committee- Terry, Blake, Philip
The board approved recommending Mike's "Pasture Succession Project" to the City Council. Mike James pointed out how important signage is on a project like this.

8. Cheryl Morgan Strategic/Design/comprehensive Plan Dee handed out the ideas presented at the planning meeting for SCP: outdoor theatre, heritage gardens, tubing and tiny housing. These are ideas to bring visitors to town. Dee asked the board to think about these ideas as we move forward with new phases of the park. The outdoor theatre shown as an example of a town of less than 900 people and they bring in over 100,000 visitors annually.

9. Bridge- 135-150k. The board approved spending up to \$1200 for additional survey work on the two bridge sites. This will allow further research on northern-most bridge site, raising the possibility for a narrower span, thereby saving money. Alex surprised and thrilled the board with the County's commitment to put \$100k towards a bridge near the current footbridge and 2 miles of trail. The SCPF will have to contribute the remaining \$60k. The board approved requesting the money from MDCD

and if they are not willing to support, then using SCPF funds (from the checking account balance of just under \$84k). The board approved recommending approval for this project to City Council.

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

11. House Committee- Name: Perry/Malher House

The board approved a motion to use the house as a caretaker house for recommendation to City Council. Alex talked about the success of caretakers on county park properties. The board approved a motion to ask Reed Prince to act as a general contractor on the house project, subject to County and City Council approval. The board approved Marty Everse and a representative from the Historical Commission to act as co-leaders to work with Reed on renovating the house for a caretaker facility.

12. Future project ideas:

- Bridge/s
- Pavilions
- Paving trails for wheelchair access
- Pedestrian/gator bridge
- Wedding/gathering pavilion
- Tubing/canoeing/kayaking
- Catering kitchen
- Birding trail
- Geo-caching
- Playground
- Camping/cabins
- Arts Villlage/outdoor theatre
- City Museum/archives
- Zip lines/ropes courses
- Mountain biking
- Pollinator gardens, vegetable gardens, pumpkin patch, Xmas trees
- Cross country racing
- Dog park
- Archery
- Connections to schools and city with trails
- Bike share opportunities at park
- Skeet shooting
- Drone field
- Horse arena

2018 Board meeting schedule, all at Montevallo City Hall at 1:00:

Sept. 26th and Jan.9th, 2019. (all the 4th Wed. of the quarter, except for Dec., which is moved to early Jan.)