

Shoal Creek Park Foundation Board Minutes
2-6-19

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: Bill Glosson, Terry Arnold, Dee Woodham, Susan Fulmer, Marty Everse, Nisa Miranda (by phone), Cheryl Patton, Philip Busby and Mike Hardig

Members absent: Cameron Vowell, Dan Ruth, Robert Miller, Carey Heatherly, Sue Wilder-White, Pamela Smith, H.G. McGaughy, and John Nix

Ex-officio present: Mayor Hollie Cost, Mary Ellen Heuton (representing John Stewart), Mike Jones (representing Tom Walker) and Alex Dudchock

Ex-officio absent: Eldon Woodie

Others present: Shane Baugh

1. General Board Issues and Financial Report

The board approved the January minutes.

Susan reported the 1-31-19 bank balance was \$123,219.17. Susan reminded the board that \$40k will be transferred to MDCD for the Frank Arnold bridge after all contracts are finalized.

The board approved a \$225 payment to the accountant for the 990 preparation.

The board thanked Cameron Vowell and Dan Ruth for their service to the foundation. The board approved a new term for H.G. McGaughy and Sue Wilder-White and new board members Kelly Wacker and Ashton Cottingham.

2. Pavilion- Shane reported on the progress—painting is almost complete, sidewalk and handicap parking has been poured.

The board approved the six historical pictures (Mahler family, Mahler barn, and four album pictures) Dee presented for approval by City Council. A donor is providing funding, which is estimated at \$1200.

Trey will send the Mayor a sample of the brown park sign that can be used on Hwy 119. Herman is working on the formal park sign, which the Council has already approved funding.

Mike suggested signage on the interstate and the crossroads and Dee will follow up with the County.

3. **Mahler Bridge-** Work is progressing and the bridge should be placed on Friday and finished by the grand opening.

4. **Frank Arnold Bridge-** The timing of this work is uncertain, due to weather and pasture conditions. The bid has been approved, but the bridge has not ordered yet. Terry and Dee will meet with Trey about final placement of the bridge on Friday.

5. **Trails-** Dee reported the county has mapped out over five miles of trail on the non-house side of creek. Terry and Shane were thanked for all their physical work to remove the barbed wire cross-fencing.

6. **Grand opening of park-** Montevallo Park Board, under Pamela's leadership, will plan the grand opening, with a projected date of 3-16-19. Please see Pamela's attached update. Alex will ask Oak Mountain Wildlife Center to bring three educational birds, from 12-2:00. Mary Ellen updated everyone on the geo-caching activities for the grand opening.

7. **General operating rules-** Dee passed around the Cahaba River Park rules. The park committee is creating the rules for City Council approval. Additional items discussed: no metal-detecting, no plant removal, geo-caching approval (to place a cache), fishing (catch and release?), drones?, primitive camping by permit only through City Hall?, create a formal request process for projects for groups like Boy Scouts.

8. **Tree succession plan-** Dee reported that Shane will work with Terry and Mike to implement the plan. Shane is working with Kellis Vegetation of Columbiana to maintain four or five acres across 119 that are the most overgrown with invasives. MDCD will pay for the first year and half the cost the second year so the city can budget for the this going forward.

9. **Event Committee-** No update.

10. **Marketing/communications/fundraising-** Cheryl and Marty will work with Pamela to capture attendees and have a donation bucket at the grand opening. Cheryl continues to develop the facebook page and will explore the website needs. The pollinator grant will be discussed at a later date.

11. **House-** A memorandum of agreement between the City and the Historical Commission has been drawn up. The Historical Commission proposed changes and the city's finance committee is currently reviewing.

12. Hollie reported that the two cattle **lean-to's** will be taken down. The structures are fairly strong, but have already attracted graffiti and unauthorized use.

The board agreed to recommend installation of four **gates** at all entrances, including the main entrance. Shane and Trey will get cost estimates and look at placements.

13. The board enthusiastically agreed to Terry's idea of a **cosmos field** between the house and the parking area (to be planted after the grand opening).

The next board meeting is 5-1-19 at 1:00 at City Hall.

The remaining board meetings: 8-7-19 and 11-6-19 at 1:00 at City Hall. (First Wed. of the quarter at 1:00 at City Hall.)