

Shoal Creek Park Foundation Board Update
August 5, 2020

1:00 at City Hall & via Zoom

Minutes

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: Carey Heatherly (chaired meeting), Susan Fulmer, Nisa Miranda, Cheryl Patton, Mike Hardig, Bill Ennis, Shane Baugh

Ex Officio present: Hollie C. Cost, Mayor

Guests present: Maggie Benson, Olivia Barone

1. Carey Heatherly called for approval of the last two meeting's minutes.
 - a. Upon the motion of Susan Fulmer and the second of Cheryl Patton, the minutes from February 2020 were approved.
 - b. Upon the motion of Nisa Miranda and the second of Cheryl Patton, the Minutes from May 2020 were approved. Carey Heatherly noted that this meeting was conducted via email due to COVID-19.
2. Carey Heatherly welcomed the new board members.
 - a. These new members were announced by email in May, but this is their first sort of meeting. The new members are Bill Ennis, Nancy Simmer, Will Lumpkin, Michele Pawlik, and Chris Stano. Dee Woodham (who was unable to make this meeting) sent along that she's happy to say that Mary Ellen Heuton (she was UM President rep, will she roll to regular member status) will continue to serve. She also says that we are happy to welcome Olivia Barone, the Sustainability Coordinator for the City.
 - b. Carey Heatherly passed the following message along from Dee Woodham: The Shoal Creek Park Foundation Board has staggered board terms and add new people annually. So, always think of people that have a heart for the park and would like to serve on the board.
3. Susan Fulmer presented the treasurer's report.
 - a. Current bank balance at 7-31-20 at Trustmark is: \$86,308. Regions balance at 7-31-20 is: \$1701 (remember, this was set up when we got the credit card and will use this account for donations).
 - b. A PayPal account was set up to take donations on-line and the current balance is: \$19.63. All board members are encouraged to try out the "DONATE" button!
4. Donation Boxes

- a. The donation boxes at the park are doing well! So far, we have collected \$907.
 - b. Cheryl Patton has been investigating a way to spruce up the boxes. She was going to get with Jack from the Type Shop this week to see about vinyl but was unable to meet because he was sick.
 - c. Cheryl Patton has also been investigating a way for people to donate electronically. We have an account with Stripe, which offers a way for people to donate via text.
5. Updates on the Park
- a. To say the park is being used is an understatement. The city should be applauded for keeping the parks open during the stay-at-home orders. This has been a well needed outlet for people to be outside and get some exercise while practicing social distancing.
 - b. Mike Hardig said that so far they have placed 20-30 signs on mature trees. They are working on identifying smaller trees and shrubs.
 - c. There are now over 9.5 miles of trails throughout the park. There were several marathoners use the park to run a 100 mile “virtual” event in April. Camp Smile-a-Mile also had a run at the park in June. Shane said that the runners from both events were well behaved and took good care of the park.
 - d. Carey pointed out that all city trails are mapped on AllTrails, thanks to Dee Woodham. Download the app or go to their [website](#).
 - e. Bill Ennis suggested the board needed to begin organizing the 7.5k run to be held in Shoal Creek Park. He pointed out that time is of the essence here. Mr. Ennis is going to speak with Zack about planning the event. Mike Hardig said that he thought that was a good idea.
6. Kayak put in / take out signs
- a. Shane Baugh said that we still need to get signage to put there. He said if it’s really used, they will get in touch with the landscape company that worked at Orr Park to install some steps down to the creek. He said that this will make it safer and easier to use.
7. Kiosks
- a. Shane Baugh said that Shelby County has a new design they’re wanting to install to make it easier to change the information within – he’s still waiting for that call from Trey Gauntt. They will be installing 2 kiosks as you cross both bridges. Carey Heatherly passed along a message from Dee Woodham saying the old Mahler photos, like at the pavilion, have been donated and are ready to be installed.
 - b. Mayor Hollie Cost pointed out that the maps in the kiosks are 1 sided, so we need to decide what to do there. She suggested putting businesses from the downtown area, or even selling ads. Nisa Miranda suggested adding a water map for the kayakers. Cheryl Patton is interested in helping with the design.

- c. Shane Baugh said that the existing kiosk sign has been updated. The maps are now downloadable and are available for pick up in the box on the kiosk. The tri-fold pamphlet made by Mike Hardig are in the other box.
- 8. Carey Heatherly said we need to send our thanks to Nancy Simmer and Terry Arnold for installing 3 wildflower and 1 sunflower bed throughout the park.
- 9. Culverts
 - a. Shane Baugh said that the county, paid for by MDCD, installed two culverts, a footbridge and repaired two culverts throughout the park in May. One new culvert was along the Betty Loop trail, on the way to the Frank Arnold bridge; the other on the other side of the Frank Arnold bridge. The second one allowed us to move the trail closer to the tree line to keep the trail in the shade. The footbridge was added just after you cross the SCP bridge and turn left. It is a long-term plan for ADA accessibility if the city applies for a transportation grant.
- 10. Pavilion Rental Rates
 - a. The City Council approved pavilion rental rates: \$150 deposit plus a.) half day- \$40 (city residents \$25) or b.) full day- \$80 (city residents \$50).
- 11. Cemetery
 - a. Carey Heatherly said that Dee spoke with Phillip Busby and that there was nothing to report on this front.
- 12. Buffs & T-shirts
 - a. Cheryl Patton said they are still working on getting this all sorted out.
- 13. Signage
 - a. Carey Heatherly pointed out that this was a hold over from the last meeting. Mike Hardig has provided content for three signs. We are now looking for volunteers to work on the project and get them installed. Bill Ennis and Mike Hardig said they would be happy to help dig holes or whatever else to get them installed. We're looking for someone to coordinate the project.
 - b. From the notes that Dee Woodham left: We have potential sources of funds through the recent donation from CFGB (Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham, CAWACO or other grant funds. At the last board meeting someone suggested adding an audio component and/or a QR code.
- 14. Controlled Burns
 - a. Mike Hardig said that we have a reforestation plan which is in direct opposition to the controlled burn proposal. Some parts of the park would benefit from burning or mowing. Parts of the property are still being used for baling hay. Nisa Miranda and Cheryl Patton both said that they think we should stick to the plan we have in place. All agreed that currently ongoing projects should be the focus now.

15. MJCC Drive-In Movies

- a. The Montevallo Junior City Council (MJCC) had a drive-in movie at the park in July, and it was a big success. They are planning on having another one on Friday, August 7, 2020.

16. Irrigation and Plants around the Pavilion

- a. From Dee Woodham's notes: Bill Ennis donated time and a lot of energy into putting in a sprinkler system around the pavilion. Ben Crunk, master gardener, has led this project to put plants around the pavilion.
- b. Shane said that they've already planted all of the flowers in that area, and they will do some more planting in the fall.

17. Mahler House

- a. Shane said that work has begun on the Mahler House, and he has seen a lot of negative feedback on Facebook. He said that some people think they're hurting the house, but really, they've taken the front porch off to keep water from going into the house and prevent the spread of termite damage. They're doing all they can to save the house, and he says they're making good progress. He said the biggest thing they're doing right now is getting the house level. Mayor Cost agreed with everything Shane Baugh said, and said that she had nothing else to add.

18. Other Business

- a. Mayor Cost said that this would be her last meeting as mayor. She thanks everyone for all their hard work and says that it's been a great privilege to get to know and work with everyone.

All meetings will be held at City Hall during the pandemic. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the quarter at 1:00 p.m.

*Feb 5 | May 6 | Aug 5 | **Nov 4***

Meeting minutes prepared by Maggie Benson.