



AGENDA

Park Board

Ms. Gibson, Ms. Williams, Ms. Ott, Ms. Norden, Ms. Pierson, Ms. Orr, Ms. Allen, Ms. Powell, John Mclenon (Rosehill) Dave Heinen (Heinen Lawn and Irrigation) Justin Carroll (Assistant City Administrator, Jesse Kirk (City Arborist)

September 7th, 2021 at 12:38 Meeting called to order

I. Welcome

II. Approval of Minutes from June 01, 2021-Minutes approved unanimously

III. Maintenance Reports

A. Dave Heinen, Grounds Maintenance Contract- Ms. Ott enquired about hard pruning. Dave responded mostly during the dormant season, February. Ms. Ott asked, "is it too late to top prune cypress at 66th and Mission?" Dave thought, it will be difficult to keep them undersized, shaping will distort their shape. Replacement may be a better option but we can hard prune for the time being.

B. Jesse Kirk, City Arborist- I Have Belinder Ct. on my list to be pruned. Mostly raising the canopy there. At Dave's request I've been limbing up some of our young island trees. Will be removing the golden raintree at Drury Ln. and High Dr., it's being shaded out. Tomahawk Roads Homes Association is next up to be pruned. Will be doing some creek clean up at Mission Dr. and 63rd St. Will also be cleaning up the utility bed of volunteers at Indian Ln. and 63rd St. Kauffman Island (#56) and Whitebud Island (#62) at State Line Rd. and Brookwood Rd. will need re-visualized as trees are fading out in these locations. Ms. Gibson asked for clarification on budget, Justin responded that there is a little more cash on hand.

C. John Mclenon, Rosehill Gardens- Please, touch base on your annual list. Brookwood Rd. annuals are really struggling, will need to expand the bed there. Ms. Ott noted the Coleus in bridge urns has never been kept low, needs routine pinching. There is one dead boxwood behind the coleus at 66th and Mission Rd. (#19). Ms. Orr, 59th Street and State Line Rd. (#44) annuals need spread out more, not so clumped in the center.

D. Other Updates Ms. Allen stated how great the 70th St. cul-de-sac island (#110) looks, lets repeat this!

IV. Old Business

A. Indian Hills Country Club Screening- Jesse shared, what originally was proposed as a joint effort to benefit the club and the City has shifted tone slightly when they gave us a proposed design and budget. Originally we had discussed paying for the plant material and they would do the install. On the proposed budget they charged us approximately \$8,000 for install labor. We had decided to wait until the Tomahawk Rd. project moves past that section to begin the project but now it looks like we'll further



back burner it until we can find a solution that makes sense for the City as well as the Club. Justin mentioned we recently had a good meeting with them regarding what will be their centennial year as we engage in construction adjacent to their club.

B. Wenonga Road/Wenonga Terrace Project- Have been delayed due to stone availability from the quarry. It is supposed to be getting delivered this week. Jesse noted that there are large ruts from the cement truck. We'll be on him this week and try to get it sorted out.

Ms. Orr had questions regarding Google internet. Justin replied that Google originally laid cable directly along the back of curbs and now they're going back in the greenspace. If you have a sprinkler issue, we will pass it along to the appropriate contact. Ms. Williams asked when will lawn restoration take place, Justin responded it will hopefully happen in the next couple of weeks, getting sod has been the limiting factor.

C. 5 Urn Island- 3 crabapple design, select cultivar – John recommended "Prairie Fire" as it hadn't defoliated as bad as "Royal Raindrops" this year. Will discuss later, discussed size differences between the removed crabs and the newer varieties. Will probably go with three. "Royal Raindrops" is a cultivar with red to purple foliage, red-pink flowers and good disease resistance.

"Prairie Fire" is a purple foliage variety with long lasting red flowers. Maybe slightly larger than Royal Raindrops at maturity.

D. Bulb updates- Jesse stated, all bulbs are ordered except for the "Victoria's Secret for 66th and Mission Rd. IHHA Let him know what alternate selection you would like to make. Jesse ordered extra daffodils to supplement the existing plantings. Did not order new alium as the old alium should still be in place. Prior to starting the meeting, I have talked with Ms. Pierson regarding alternate selections for the last IHHA location without an available variety.

E. Eisenhower Pond Updates

1. West shore clean up and planting- We have added all the rush that Dave was able to purchase. John has added some canna lilies in two stretches. We have also divided the existing iris and spread it along the bank. We will continue to pull new arrowhead plants as they become apparent.

2. Duckweed- Duckweed is an annual that in the right conditions multiplies rapidly. The stagnation in the pond created from the fountains and aerators being down after the fire as well as likely nutrient loading has created optimal conditions. We've skimmed the surface to remove much of it on two separate occasions but as you can see it is still prolific. Hopefully conditions will be better with working electrical going into next spring and this isn't a reoccurring issue.

3. East shore shelf improvements- We are looking to begin the stone and soil work in October. Planting will likely follow up in spring as plants become available.



V. Team and Special Project Reports

A. Mission Hills Homes Company (MHHC) Ms. Orr stated that we need to check the ginger at Sunken Garden. Ms. Ott asked why there wasn't any water in Sunken Garden. Justin, it's drained as we work to resolve a debris issue in the drain basin. We're having to clean with an increased frequency from what we anticipated and currently waiting on the engineer to inspect it.

Ms. Orr, moved on to discussing Ms. McConnell donating a memorial bench for Nature Island (#63). "First found bench, then it was discontinued. It will go on west end of Nature Island; story poles are still there. It's concrete and will weather well with time and Ms. McConnell approves of the style. I have talked with Jennifer about installing a very small plaque. The City can order it to avoid paying sales tax." Ms. Ott questioned if it might be too large. Ms. Orr went over the dimensions and stated that its size seems proportionate to the space, it's 3.5' tall 4' wide. Dave mentioned that it should have some type of platform, flagstone or crushed granite to simplify turf maintenance around it. Ms. Orr asked whether we have factored that into the cost of install. Jesse, "No that cost hasn't been included in the current estimate." Dave estimated the cost for the pad at \$350-\$500 and Ms. Orr said she will discuss costs for crushed granite or Flagstone base with Ms. McConnell. Ms. Orr moved we vote on allowing Ms. McConnell purchase the bench, Mrs. Ott seconded, all approved.

B. Tomahawk Road Homes Association (TRHA) Ms. Williams moved into discussion regarding Eisenhower Pond. The plan is to start small and not involve the neighboring properties. Over time we'll add more groupings of plant materials. With less shoreline vegetation we will have to rethink goose control. Ms. Allen added "We're trying to keep things neat and simple." First planting push Dave purchased all of the rush that was available. Justin added, costs were covered by TRHA not PB funds. Ms. Allen, "We hope to put forward a pretty face for the homes association to show what their money is going towards". The TRHA team has visited Four Seasons island and compiles a detailed set of notes, we want to work closely with the labor doing this work. Would also like to add an annual bed to Four Seasons. We want to address the Tomahawk side by removing groundcover and adding other plants. We feel it's best to wait until after the street redo, but will generally start beautifying the island now. This will involve transplanting, hostas, hydrangeas, azaleas on both sides. We'll clean up mint and add "Millennium" allium. We're also considering a fountain to hide the electrical.

Ms. Allen, "We also need to readdress the corner plantings at 64th and Tomahawk Rd (#83 and #87)."

Ms. Allen, "at 67th Terr. and High Dr. (#101) we want to be able to see the whole statue down to the feet and not hide them behind the boxwoods."

Ms. Allen, "at 70th St. Cul-de-sac (#110) we would like to be present when sunpatiens come out and bulbs go in, no line of bulbs around we want clusters of bulbs in the place where the sunpatiens come out.

Ms. Allen and Ms. Williams noted that the tree at the Overhill cul-de-sac (#100) appeared unhealthy. Jesse informed them that this tree was overdosed in a fruit reduction treatment almost three years ago.



Dead was pruned out shortly after the incident but we will prune it again to address the new dead. Ms. Allen would also like to even up the mulch beds.

C. Indian Hills Homes Association (IHHA)- Ms. Pierson, "It's good to know that they'll be getting started on Wenonga. Once the wall is completed we will need to get with landscape architect, Robert Whitman." John McClenon noted that regarding the annuals at 5 Urn, the water was off and on for construction activities and likely the reason for the poor performance of the annuals.

Ms. Powell pointed out that we will be adding a Japanese Maple to the back side of the relief at the island at Indian Ln. and 63rd St. (#1).

In regards to the Statue at Mission Dr. and Tomahawk (#93) Justin added, we're waiting on final plans to see how that island will change. Will likely be next fall before we make any changes, we will send changes as soon as possible.

Ms. Pierson asked where the irrigation for the island at Verona and Norwood Rd. would come from.

VI. New Business

Ms. Gibson- Come up with proposals for remaining budget, if no proposals it can be carried over.

Meeting Adjourns 1:58

Next meeting October 5th, 2021 at 12:30 p.m.