

PRC Hains Park Enhancement Sub-Committee
Meeting Minutes -5/11/23 7:00 PM
American Legion Meeting Room
Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT

Ms. Shoemaker notified all present that as members of this committee, they need to go to Town Hall and be sworn in. Because of this no votes may be taken at this meeting.

1. QUORUM / CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Members Present: Sara van Vliet (Chair), Mary Ellen Garbarino (Vice-Chair / Recording Secretary), Phil Parcak, Teri Lewis, Greg Hack

Ad-Hoc Members: Don Bugbee, Martha Shoemaker

Absent: Tom Meyer, Winnie Edmed

Guests: None

Chair Sara van Vliet called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

New Business

Review mission of the PRC sub-committee

Ms. Van Vliet read the charge / mission of this PRC sub-committee:

“Develop a prioritized list of recommendations with suggested timings to the PRC for using donated funds for the beautification and enhancement of Hains Park. The recommendations are to include, but are not limited to, the purchasing and installation of new ADA-accessible playground equipment, additional landscaping, and whether to retain any funds for future enhancements.”

Review of available funds

Mr. Bugbee will clarify with Town Hall as to how much money remains from the fundraising efforts several years ago. Mr. Bugbee spoke of available funding for the proposed new playground and fencing presently in the PRC budget.

Discuss and prioritize a list of enhancements for Hains Park

There was a discussion of ideas and consensus that the committee would benefit from the original A2 survey, the preliminary plans for Hains Park, and the original proposed master plan which was believed to be in the original marketing pieces. There was discussion of whether -a new rendering would be needed. Some items mentioned as potential future enhancements: playground, picnic area, foot shower, electronic locks on restroom facilities, possible bulkheads for the docks, a kayak rack, and general beautification (including plantings, grass, sand, and related efforts to mitigate goose population).

Public Comment – None

The next scheduled meetings will be on Thursday, June 15 and Monday, July 10. Both at 6:30 pm and weather permitting to be held at Hains Park.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Garbarino