

Weston Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2013

The Commission met at Elliott Memorial Park at 6:00 PM for a quick tour of the kitchen facility in the park – an identified priority that came from several public meetings held in 2012. After moving back to the Memorial Hall, the first order of business was to read the February minutes. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Next, Sheldon Delph reported on his conversation with the County, who has agreed to provide \$500 for the purchase of trees for the park. The Commission discussed tree options and will purchase two sycamore hybrids for quick-growing shade and 1-2 oaks or maples for long-lasting trees, depending on the price of the trees. Loy moved to approve the purchase contingent on funds being released from the County and Sheldon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Once the funds are released, the City Maintenance Dept will purchase the trees and plant them this month.

The report on the budget for benches is stalled, but will come in within the week. Sheldon will put together a short survey to go out with the March water bill that will gauge community interest in either making benches out of the old trees in the park, or carving them. This information will be used in the NEA grant application due in May.

Report on local fundraising: The Pioneer Association agreed to set up a donation account that will be used for community development projects citywide. The Association is still working with the Credit Union on the requirements and will let us know when it is set up so that we can help advertise to get local donations.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing short-term goals for the park. The needs include minor improvements to the kitchen, trees, security, the old trees, and the bathrooms.

Kitchen – shutoff valve and support for the free-hanging gas line, and refrigeration concerns.

Security – cameras hopefully installed through a grant that the Police Department applied for. Motion lights attached to the building. Will price the lights to see if this is a possibility.

Signage – A new memorial sign and rules signs. The Commission will go through the park rules and make recommendations for updating based on State Compliance. Will also price out a new sign.

The last item discussed was a line item for the Commission in next year's City Budget. The Parks & Recreation Department requests \$500 – in line with the other Commissions' annual budget in Weston.