

HMDAC Meeting - Minutes

August 9 2010, 2:00 pm - 2378 Lansdowne Place

Present: Mike Baldwin, Joyce Estes, Paul Norberg, Richard Tirrell, Jane McWhorter

Status of landscaping contract 2010-11. Joyce reported that no contract had been awarded to date as the LMD was not confident that the lowest bidders were competent to do the work. Meanwhile the existing contract was being extended on a monthly basis. Mike had requested a report from James but as yet had received nothing. The lowest bid was from Solano Diversified Services (Non Profit), who submitted a cashier's check instead of a bond. The next lowest bid was from New Image Landscape Co (<http://www.newimagelandscape.com/>). Joyce believes that New Image will likely get the contract. If so we should request the bid sheet as it will detail the costs.

Summit, Reflections, Orchards, etc. Prior to the meeting Chris reported that he was not aware of any changes or developments at the Summit. From a statement by Meritage it seems that all but 3 of the new houses have been sold.

There has been no significant progress with the Reflections situation. Despite several attempts Joyce was unable to establish contact with the HOA, but we have had communications with George Dingeldein, Community Association Manager for the Helsing Group. Nothing much has emerged from this to date. The contract bid sheets might yield more information about the extent of the costs.

Joyce reported that The Orchards has been taken over by HMD. Joyce is updating the maps to show this and is keeping the Summit on the existing maps.

Likelihood of use of HID funds for renovation projects. It was reported that HPOA has formed an HID sub-committee consisting of Byrne Conley, Paul Norberg, Joyce Estes, Nancy Berke, Chris Brittle and Eli Cronbach. They will be reviewing the management and potential uses of HID reserves, including suggestions by the city to upgrade HB lighting to LED's, and any proposal HMD might make for the renovation of the Parkway Landscaping. Jane reported that she and Jeanine had walked the length of the Parkway from the Bennington stop sign to the waterfall. Jeanine had made extensive measurements and detailed notes but as yet we have not received any proposal or breakdown of costs.

Report from the Sign Committee. Joyce described the proposals for a permanent sign to replace the A-frame, the cost and use of which would be shared 50-50 with the Golf Course. The anticipated installation cost to HPOA (50% of total) is in the region of \$1,000 – 1,500, which will be absorbed into the Welcome Center budget. The placement has not yet been decided but it will either be in the median or in the right hand verge plantings just after the Welcome Center. There were divided opinions as to which would be most effective.

Replacing the flooring in the Welcome Center. Richard reported on the need to replace the worn vinyl flooring in the Welcome Center. He has two bids to put in ceramic tiles. It is also intended to repaint the interior and to replace the wooden "stable" door with a steel version, which will be more durable. The Welcome Center Management Committee (advisory?) will decide on the favored course of action.

Golf Course weeds. Some concern was expressed about the golf course not taking good care of the landscaping, particularly the presence of ugly weeds adjacent to the sidewalk between Fairway Villas and the 18th tee. Richard agreed to bring this to the attention of Eric Thompson, General Manager for Kemper Sports. On a related matter Joyce reported that the golf course would like to install two flags on

the light poles close to the entrance to the Parkway, advertizing the golf course and wedding opportunities. The committee raised no objection.

Use of the Gazebo etc. for private parties Several people had been received an enquiry about using the Gazebo for a wedding party. After some discussion it was agreed that the HMDAC had no authority to approve or refuse such a request as it is located on public property. If a wedding party chooses to use the Gazebo, or any other public facility in Hiddenbrooke, they would not have any right to exclude other people from that area. It was pointed out that there is very limited parking in that location. On behalf of HPOA Joyce stated that advance knowledge of any private use of open spaces would be appreciated.

HMD Advisory Committee membership 2010-11. It was noted that an agenda item for the next HPOA meeting is the appointment of committee members for 2010-11. Mike stated his opinion that the current HMDAC is about the right size. In addition to several experienced members it has gained 3 new members within the last few months so there is "new blood" to keep the committee from getting stale. He hoped that all the existing members will agree to their appointments being continued for the coming year.

AOB In response to a request by Joyce, Jane agreed to write to Jeanine about the state of the plantings in front of the Heights and St Andrews monuments, both of which need attention.

In the absence of Ginger, Bob and Eli, the committee members present agreed to postpone consideration of several other items of business until a later meeting.

The meeting closed at 3:45. Next meeting: 7:00 pm, August 25th, 2378 Lansdowne Place.