

McDonald Creek Commission

Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2018

Present: Commissioners Harold Kargenian, Jan Fuller, Jon Kindseth, Rick Hartke, Cathy Brady; volunteer Nancy Lutton

I. OPENING ITEMS

Minutes of 2/27/18 meeting not yet completed. Cathy will complete and send to all. Cathy requested that the responsibility of meeting scribe be shared to reduce the pressure on any one person. Nancy Lutton took minutes for the current meeting.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Education and outreach efforts:

1. City Website – Jon is meeting with Peter Falcone on Friday, March 30, 2018;
2. Submission for Spring Newsletter. Cathy prepared a short overview of the Commission, however, Mayor Helmer said it was about 30 words too long, and also wanted Cathy's picture to publish it. Cathy declined and the Mayor indicated it might not be printed if there was no picture to accompany it.

B. Presentation to City Council tentatively scheduled for the May 14, 2018 Workshop when the City will have its budget. Jon needs pictures for the PowerPoint presentation which both Cathy and Jan have. Jon hoping to have a draft of the presentation for the Commission's review at the April meeting.

C. Brochure distribution to homeowners:

1. It was suggested we let the City know we would like to distribute the brochures to homeowners and request that an alert be posted on the weekly PH newsletter. Jon will request of Peter for possibly the April 5th newsletter.
2. Members of the commission agreed to distribute brochures in their neighborhoods and Jill Moskow also volunteered to distribute.
3. It was also suggested we have a booth at the Community Day in June.

D. Clean-up Day(s)

1. Have homeowners clean their own creeks and anything too big to put with yard waste pick-up, inform Public Works to pick up. Suggested homeowners could send pictures or emails to the Commission mailbox and pick-ups could be arranged.
2. We should consider section by section clean-ups as opposed to a single city-wide clean-up day and coordinate with Public Works.
3. For Somerset Park near the Church, it would be great if we could recruit a Boy Scout troop to assist with clean-up.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Lower Des Plaines River Watershed: next meeting is May 10, 2018 at Northlake City Hall from 10:00 to 11:30 am. At that meeting, they will be working on the plans and how to get grants. Jan will try to attend.
- B. Jill Moskow of Prospect Heights Natural Resource Committee invited the Commission to attend their workday on Sunday, April 22, 2018 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm at Agnes and Dana's location, 9 West Marion. Lunch will be included.
- C. Jill also recommended we collaborate with the Prospect Heights Water Committee.

IV. ACTION ITEMS / ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned 6:45 pm.

Next meeting 6:00 pm Tuesday, April 24, 2018