

Parks and Parkways Commission March 2, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Karin Crosby and the secretary called the roll.

Present: Karin Crosby, Scott Discon, Anne Marie Fargason, Lee Frederick, Dodie Marshall, and Nancy Clark

Absent: Robert Santopadre

Also Present: Louissette Kidd, Planning Director, Maggie Gleason, Landscape Inspector, and Mayor Donald Villere

Spring Education

The board had decided to hold the educational seminar on the same date as the caladium bulb sale. The administration was waiting for Dana Brown to confirm the April 11th.

Lakefront Map for Attachment to the Resolution

Ms. Clark and Ms. Kidd would walk the lakefront for sign placement. There were sign examples in the Conference Room that were discussed. Mayor Villere said there would be two different signs with specific time restrictions for the specific area of the lakefront. This would reduce the amount of signs. Ms. Clark asked if the signs needed to be on each corner. The traffic enforcement signs must be metal. There was a wood resin blue sign with a logo that could state Please Keep Mandeville Clean, Curb your Dog and be of a softer language. The intent was to have clean language and condense the amount of signage. There was a discussion that the board had wanted wood signs, but it was decided that it must be readable and reflective to be noticed.

Ms. Clark liked the idea of a wood frame around a metal sign. Mayor Villere wanted a wood like appearance and the metal would not deteriorate. Ms. Clark was concerned about the signage being at the end of every street. Ms. Kidd said they would walk the area and decide on the locations.

There was a discussion about removing the verbiage of the \$500 fine; asking to include Please Keep Mandeville Clean and the City logo. The board wanted to keep the fine on the signage as a consequence, but to make the size of the verbiage smaller. Mayor Villere said there was no ordinance to curbing the dog, but there was a leash law. There were certain times in certain areas that the dogs could be loose. He suggested posting it separately on a dog station.

There was a discussion that signage at the dog stations would be noticed by the dog people. Ms. Crosby and Ms. Clark liked the brown sign with the City logo. Mr. Discon felt it was a more natural color. Ms. Frederick suggested a light border to stand out with the brown sign. It was agreed to use a lighter wood and it would draw attention. Mayor Villere agreed that less signage was best so he asked the board to make suggestions. He would ask Chief Richard how many signs were needed for enforcement and their locations. Other signage would have verbiage developed with the logo. Ms. Clark suggested saying Enjoy Our Historic Lakefront and Follow the Rules. The board liked including the area was historic, but it was a lot of words. By removing Curb Your Dog, it would reduce the sign size. It was decided to use the language Enjoy Our Historic Lakefront.

There was a discussion about a proposed No Smoking ordinance for all public properties. Mayor Villere said No Smoking would be posted on the cans when the ordinance was adopted. It was further discussed that although there was a no smoking ordinance, butt cans would still be needed.

Discussion

Pottery Hill – Ms. Crosby said people were parking to the water's edge to launch their boats. People were driving around the bollards and she suggested installing additional ones. It was discussed that there were ropes similar to a wildliffe garden and not bollards. Ms. Gleason would work on bollards. Mr. Discon also said there was a house on that street that was abandoned with the doors open that should be investigated.

Ms. Crosby said Michael Blache was part of a group wanting to erect a statue of Bernard de Marigny recognizing him being the founder of Mandeville and donating the lakefront to the people. Their group was looking for a location and was actively raising funds. Mr. Discon said it would be life size. The areas suggested for the statue placement was at the end of Marigny Avenue, by the gazebo, the fountain, and the Trailhead. Ms. Crosby did not have any information on the material of the statue. Ms. Frederick agreed that Marigny Avenue would be a good location. Ms. Crosby also suggested the fishing pier, but Ms. Frederick was afraid of people hanging hooks on it. Mayor Villere said he thought the group was considering the end of Girod Street. Ms. Clark felt it was an interesting idea and would celebrate our heritage.

Mr. Discon asked about the Highway 190 landscape project. Ms. Kidd said the Parish was agreeable to participating in the project, but had not given the City a timeline. Mayor Villere said a scope of work must be developed for the project for approval and the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. Ms. Gleason said Adams Perkins had written a scope study.

It was noted that the recycle bin off Girod Street was overflowing over the weekend. Ms. Crosby thought Ms. Buchholz had said in an email that Keep Mandeville Beautiful wanted to keep that location because it was also allowing a larger area to participate. Mayor Villere had spoken with Gus Bordelon, who had agreed to service the dumpster Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Mayor Villere also said the green donation boxes were to be removed. Chris Brown had found the owner, and written a letter to remove them within a specified time limit or they would be removed. There was oil trap by the Girod Street container that would be removed Friday. Ms. Frederick asked if Progressive had started the three times per week pick up. Mayor Villere said he would look on Friday to make sure it was picked up. He requested Progressive return the bin that contained the Mandeville decals stating it was for recycle only, and it was returned to the site. Ms. Clark said she felt it should not be located on a public street. At Tuesday night's Planning meeting businesses were requesting more parking. Mayor Villere said parking was available at the Trailhead. Ms. Crosby asked about moving it closer to the Acadian Millworks site. Mayor said that site was close to being occupied. Ms. Clark said all of the available parking spaces were filled at Saturday's market. Ms. Crosby said if it was that much of an eyesore, it should be moved to a parking lot further down. She suggested placing it behind the Fire Station, but there was concern that no one would find it and it would be hard to access.

Mr. Discon stated there was a pile of rubble in front of Opal Basil that was from the street upgrade. Mayor Villere said the contractor was waiting for the temperature to be above 50 degrees.

Ms. Clark asked if there was progress on the plants behind the Kierr Garden where the underbrush was cleared. Ms. Gleason said she would check the landscape plan.

Ms. Frederick asked about the wildflower preservation because the oaks were dead. Ms. Gleason said they were guaranteed trees that would be replaced in March.

Ms. Fargason asked about restrooms on the lakefront. Mayor Villere said it was a matter of location not being 12' in the air. Lynn Mitchell had prepared a good design

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with a handicap ramp. Ms. Clark asked about the portable restrooms that the park service's use that could be moved when water rose. Mayor Villere said as a trailer there would still be a problem with handicap access. Ms. Clark suggested having a fork lift type removal system with a handicap ramp so it could be placed on the ground. Ms. Fargason asked if the ball field was unavailable for the restrooms and Mayor Villere answered yes.

Ms. Crosby asked about the Eagle Scout project. Ms. Gleason had it in an email. His project would be benches at the Weldon Park Subdivision and Ms. Frederick would oversee the project. Mr. Discon asked what would happen to the headstones on the lakefront. Mayor Villere said it would be hard to remove them since they were memorials.

Minutes

Ms. Clark moved to adopt the minutes of February 2, 2015, seconded Ms. Frederick and was unanimously approved.

Ms. Fargason moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Clark and was unanimously approved.



Lori Spranley, Secretary



Karin Crosby, Chairwoman

