

VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE  
LANDSCAPE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019

Parks and Recreation Department, 10 Pine Avenue, Riverside, Illinois

1. Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Maloney at 7:02p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Present: Chairperson Maloney. Commissioners Plunkett, Rubin, Schaff

Absent: Commissioners Cody, Lambros, Lucero

Also Present: Director of Public Works Bailey, Forester Collins

3. Chairperson's Report

Overall Status of Sesquicentennial planning

The Chairperson, who is also the Chair of the Riverside Sesquicentennial Committee, presented the Commission with a draft Riverside 150 calendar of events which included sponsoring organizations and timeframes for the various events. Among the events assigned to the Landscape Advisory Commission are an Exhibit Case on Design in the Library, Guess the Age of a Tree Contest, Tree Walk thru Time, Bio-Blitz and Picnic Like It's 1869. The Exhibit Case on Design is scheduled for the January- February timeframe and Commissioner Schaff, who is also a member of the Sesquicentennial Committee, has been working with the Library staff on the installation. Guess the Age of a Tree Contest is scheduled for the March -April timeframe and was made possible by a request from Morton Arboretum employees to core several large trees in Riverside. The cores will be prepped and evaluated to establish the age of an old, large tree in Riverside. The Tree Walk thru Time was on the schedule for October but may be moved to the April to coincide with Arbor Day commemorations. The Bio-Blitz is an element of the Com Ed Green Regions grant and is scheduled for the May timeframe. A major effort with this event will be to arrange for several scientists to lead volunteer groups. Picnic Like It's 1869 is a repeat from the 2018 picnic and is on for September 15. There will be no rain date so arrangements will be made of musicians planned for the Picnic to perform in the Library on that date.

4. Hardscape Permit application for installation of World War I Memorial Plaque at the Guthrie Park Veterans Memorial.

The Riverside Municipal Code requires that any permanent hardscape feature on Village property may only take place after approval of a Hardscape Permit. The application process requires that the Director of Public Works solicit comments from the Landscape Advisory Commission and Preservation Commission before the application is forwarded to the Village Board of Trustees for final consideration. American Legion Post #0488 obtained designation of

the Guthrie Park Veterans Memorial as a World War I Centennial Memorial by the World War I Centennial Commission and the Pritzker Military Museum & Library. The Post also acquired a brass plaque commemorating the designation and asked that the plaque be installed at the Veterans Memorial. The Memorial is partly comprised of five stones with plaques affixed to them. One is a large, four sided granite stone. Installation of the plaque is proposed for the one side of the granite stone that does not have a plaque on it. After some discussion the Commission decided to recommend approval of the application.

Motion Plunkett. Second Rubin. CARRIED. To recommend approval of installation of WWI Memorial plaque on the large granite stone at the Veterans Memorial and that the plaque installation will not negatively impact the landscape.

5. Standing Discussion Topics

Master Landscape Plan

Commissioner Rubin reported that he has been working to update the old arboretum page and link to new information generated by the recently completed tree inventory.

Outreach and Education

No discussion

Arboretum Tours

No discussion

Homeowner's Guide to Planting

No discussion

6. Review and discuss Bio-Blitz.

The Bio-Blitz was discussed under Item #3 above.

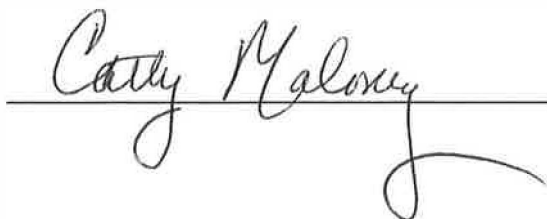
7. Adjournment.

Motion Rubin. Second Schaff. CARRIED. To adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

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Minutes Approved By:

  
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