

VILLAGE OF RIVERSIDE

LANSCAPE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

This meeting was conducted electronically via Zoom.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Present: Chairperson Maloney; Commissioners Lambros, Lucero, Plunkett, Rubin, Schaff

Absent: Commissioner Cody

Also Present: Public Works Director Tabb, Forester Collins

3. Consider Approval of October 13th, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October 13th, 2020 regular meeting minutes with proposed changes by Commissioner Lucero. Second by Commissioner Lambros. Motion carried. Changes include: **item 4**, “native plants on an island” to “native plants on a *triangle*.” **item 7**, insertion of *through generous donations of Riverside residents*.

New Business

4. Review and Discuss LAC Goals for 2021

Chairperson Maloney suggested the following ideas and goals for 2021:

Coordination between the LAC and the Riverside Library for the unveiling of the viewer to be installed in the quiet reading room.

The LAC’s participation, along with other Village commissions and departments, in the upcoming 2022 national celebration of the bicentennial birth of Frederick Law Olmsted. The National Association for Olmsted Parks has been a driving force behind promoting this event. Commissioner Schaff suggested combining Picnic like its 1869 with an arboretum tour to commemorate Olmsted 200. The picnic and tour were tentatively scheduled for September 18th, 2022 with September 25th, 2022 as a rain date. Commissioner Lambros also suggested doing another tree tour on Arbor Day 2022 to commemorate Olmsted 2022.

The Commission discussed the impact that Covid would have on any upcoming Bioblitz and agreed to take a wait and see approach with a tentative date being set for June 26th, 2021. The agreed upon theme for such an event would be “Pollinators and their Partners”. Further discussion will occur at the February meeting.

Commissioner Rubin suggested bringing in a speaker to do a virtual presentation on Riverside. Commissioner Lucero mentioned the idea of having local teenagers who have obtained some notoriety in their effort to identify a multitude of birds to do the presentation. Commissioner Schaff suggested doing the Library viewer unveiling in conjunction with the virtual presentation. Commissioners Lucero and Rubin agreed to contact the potential speakers for availability.

Commissioner Schaff to coordinate with the Riverside Library to try and align LAC initiatives with the summer reading program.

Old Business

5. Review and Discuss Landscape Video Status

Chairperson Maloney stated Riverside TV has requested a list of items they still need to finish the Landscape Video. The original release date of January 2021 may have to be moved back to February 2021. Commissioners will assist with any additional requests for information or materials.

6. Swan Pond Update

Commissioner Schaff sketched Swan Pond and identified the area that was planted in 2017 and the area that was currently not mowed. Chairperson Maloney asked Director Tabb to discuss the Public Works departments plan to maintain Swan Pond. Director Tabb mentioned the challenges that the department has if Swan Pond floods and or receives a heavy amount of rain. The rutting of Swan Pond in areas and the potential damage to equipment was discussed. Renting equipment capable of cutting uneven ground was brought up by Commissioner Rubin. Chairperson Maloney suggested drafting a maintenance recommendation for Swan Pond to be included in the Master Landscape Plan. Commissioner Schaff agreed to assist. Forester Collins agreed to investigate costs associated with maintaining the entire area of Swan Pond.

7. Chairperson's Report

Olmsted 200-Discussed during the LAC 2021 goals

8. Standing Discussion Topics

Master Landscape Plan

The Commission has agreed to focus on the Swan Pond maintenance recommendation during 2021 as opposed to the entire Master Landscape Plan.

Outreach and Education

Chairperson Maloney requested links to events or webinars that could be included in an Enewsletter.

Arboretum

Tours

Commissioner Plunkett suggested doing quarterly tours to commence Arboretum Day in April.

Data

Commissioner Rubin reported all the data has been uploaded to the GIS Tree viewer database. Traffic on the viewer will be obtained from the GIS analyst Glenn Sullivan.

Homeowner Guide to Planting Brochure

Chairperson Maloney and Commissioner Rubin to rework the Homeowner Guide to Planting Brochure to assist in identifying bird friendly plantings.

9. Forester's Report

The Village has finished its cyclic tree trimming for 2020. The trim included approximately 1200 trees. Forester Collins has coordinated with a group of volunteers from Groveland to cage trees along the river to prevent beaver damage on high quality species. Forester Collins noted a presentation he did for the Illinois Arborists Association on wood utilization and also discussed an upcoming presentation he is doing for the Olmsted Society, on his trip to China, at their annual meeting.

Other Business

Chairperson Maloney discussed the idea of overseeing a fundraising effort, in conjunction with the upcoming Olmsted 200 celebration, to fund a project which would benefit all Riverside residents.

10. Motion to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. by Commissioner Rubin. Second by Commissioner Lucero. Motion carried.

Minutes Taken By:

Minutes Approved By:
