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MUSEUMS & HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Glenview Park District Park Center
2400 Chestnut Avenue, Glenview, IL 60026
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 10, 2019, 9:30 AM

1. Roll Call

Committee Chair Dave Tosh called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

Commissioners Present: Committee Chair: Dave Tosh; Committee Members: Bill Casey and Angie Katsamakidis; David Dillon, Dan Peterson

Official Staff Present: Executive Director Mike McCarty, Superintendent of Leisure Services Todd Price, Director of Wagner Farm Jon Kuester, Director of The Grove Lorin Ottlinger, The Grove Customer Service Representative Ashley DeAngeles, Recording Secretary Laney Haupt

Guests: Tom Rychlik of Gewalt Hamilton and Associates, Ania Szulc of Wight and Company, Paul Bluestone of Bluestone & Associates, Jerry Aulisio of The AT Group, and Jack Hayes and Jason Goike of Frederick Quinn Corporation

Late Arrivals, Early Departure: Commissioner Angie Katsamakidis left at 10:05, Commissioner David Dillon left at 10:40

2. Agenda Topics

a. Consideration to approve a contract for Hitchcock Design Group's Phase One Implementation Plan for the Wagner Farm Playscape

Superintendent of Leisure Services Todd Price brought forth the contract for Hitchcock Design Group's Phase One Implementation Plan for the Wagner Farm Playscape for consideration at \$153,150. He explained that the contract covers concept, design, and construction, meaning that when the Park District is able to secure funding, we are able to begin the project.

The Committee discussed the potential crosswalk at Wagner Farm. Superintendent Todd Price said that the District is still going back and forth with the county to approve the crosswalk.

The Committee recommended the acceptance of the contract from Hitchcock Design Group's Phase One Implementation Plan for the Wagner Farm Playscape to be moved to the consent agenda for full Board approval.

b. Consideration to approve bid for the Grove Aquatic Life Support System Installation Lorin and Ken Wexler went through bid process

Superintendent Todd Price discussed the bid process that the Grove went through for an Aquatic Life Support System Installation. He explained that the first time the Park District opened the bid process, there were no bids, but the second time the bid process was opened, there was one bidder. Aquamoon placed their bid for the Aquatic Life Support System Installation for \$38,000.

Commissioner Bill Casey asked why there was so little interest in the project from bidders. Director of the Grove Lorin Ottlinger answered by saying that it was recently discovered that the project is challenging in terms of scope, as the Grove houses a large variety of animals. She added that it is also a difficult project due to the location of the project, where most of the work would need to be done in the basement. She explained that the basement would be a challenging obstacle since it is difficult to get the necessary equipment into the basement and everything would need to be pipe through the crawlspace. She also mentioned that the project would have a lot of moving parts in order to keep the animals alive while the project is being completed. She included that in order to help keep costs down, the Grove would be purchasing the equipment itself, meaning the \$38,000 would pay for the installation of the system and troubleshooting.

The Committee recommended the acceptance of the bid from Aquamoon for the Grove Aquatic Life Support System Installation.

c. Update on the Grove Entrance, Signage, and Interpretive Center Remodeling

Superintendent of Park and Facility Services Jim Warnstedt discussed the referendum project that passed in the fall for the Grove Entrance Project. He explained that he has been working on the project with Tom Rychlik of Gewalt Hamilton and Associates. He added that the project now has approval from the Environmental Review Committee, the Plan Commission, and the Appearance Commission.

Tom Rychlik of Gewalt Hamilton and Associates presented the design for the Grove entrance. The Committee discussed the parking lot, additional sidewalks for accessibility grades, the settling pool, and the widening of the entrance. Commissioner Bill Casey expressed concern about the traffic of the entrance to the Grove. Tom Rychlik of Gewalt Hamilton and Associates explained that the entrance would be dug up and repaved with a heavy-duty paver that would allow for the traffic of busses and garbage trucks.

Tom Rychlik of Gewalt Hamilton and Associates presented the Landscape Plan. The Committee discussed the location of the detention basin and what guests would see as they entered the new Grove entrance.

Superintendent Jim Warnstedt brought forth the proposed first iteration of the new sign for the Grove entrance. The Committee discussed the design, including the space around the logo, the readability from the road, the order in which the various facilities within the Grove are listed on the sign, and the lettering and font size. Executive Director Mike McCarty recommended that the logo is reworked with the comments from the Committee before being brought to the Appearance Committee.

Superintendent Jim Warnstedt introduced Ania Szulc of Wight and Company, who will be the architects and engineers for the Interpretive Center remodeling. He added that the project will not need to go through the Appearance Committee, but it will need a building permit.

Ania Szulc of Wight and Company presented the proposed remodeling of the Interpretive Center at the Grove. She discussed Wight and Company's plans for the remodel to make the interpretive center more current, economical, and energy efficient; as well as adding a sprinkler system, changing the HVAC system, and changing all the lights to LEDs. She also discussed proposed changes to the layout of the Interpretive Center, including opening the space to make more room for exhibits, adding a reception desk, redoing the bathrooms, and making room for a sprinkler room. She added that they would not be changing the function

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of anything on the second floor. Director of the Grove Lorin Ottlinger included that with the remodel, the District would be repurposing as much as they could, such as the counter in the shop.

The Commissioners discussed potential changes to the layout in order to maximize the amount of space for exhibits. Superintendent Jim Warnstedt explained that if we were to move anymore staff upstairs, the District would need to install an elevator which would be a major cost. Director of the Grove Lorin Ottlinger added that ideally she would like to add an elevator and re-do the storage space, but it is not currently possible with the size and scope of the project.

Superintendent Jim Warnstedt introduced Paul Bluestone of Bluestone & Associates, who presented his schematic design to the committee for the interior redesign of the Grove's Interpretive Center. He explained his concept to the Committee, which is to make more of a "community" out of the exhibits. He added that he wanted to put more of Robert Kennicott into the exhibits. Paul Bluestone went on to explain the proposed changes to the Turtle Island exhibit, the addition of more interactive opportunities for children, and tunnels.

The Commissioners discussed the importance of having Robert Kennicott highlighted as a focal point for the Interpretive Center. Director of the Grove Lorin Ottlinger explained that it would be the justification for having a nature center in the middle of a national historic landmark. Commissioner David Dillion stressed the importance of making sure the Interpretive Center was primarily nature-based as opposed to an exhibit solely dedicated to Robert Kennicott.

Director of the Grove Lorin Ottlinger explained that Bluestone & Associates will be adhering to the standards in regard to size of tanks for the animals. She added that none of the animals will be moving into smaller tanks and some will be moving into slightly larger ones.

Paul Bluestone of Bluestone & Associates included that he would be repurposing as much of the furniture as he could in order to help keep costs down. He also added that he was hoping to hang large items, such as taxidermy and skeletons from the ceiling in order to include more in the space.

Executive Director Mike McCarty asked what type of work would be happening with the larger fish tanks. Director of the Grove Lorin Ottlinger explained that Bluestone & Associates would be replacing a tank with a few smaller ones for fish or terrestrials, and eventually replace several large tanks with a big community tank.

Superintendent Jim Warnstedt said that as the design development moves forward, he would be coming back with a more finalized plan since the project is difficult with timelines and construction around the animals.

Commissioner Bill Casey asked if the Grove would be shutting down during construction of the Interpretive Center. Director of the Grove Lorin Ottlinger explained that the Grove would be temporarily closing during the summer for construction, but assured that it would not affect school groups coming to visit the Grove. She added that camps will still run in the summer. She said that she hoped construction would begin in May and be complete in September.

Commissioner Bill Casey asked what would be happening to the offices at the Interpretive Center while it is under construction. Director of the Grove Lorin Ottlinger explained that most employees will temporarily move to the Tyner Center, but there will be a reception area in the Archives Building to keep staff from the Interpretive Center on site.

d. Other

None

3. Matters from the Public

None

4. Adjourn

Commissioner Dave Tosh adjourned the Open Session at 10:46 AM

ATTEST:

David M. Dillon
Board President

Michael D. McCarty
Board Secretary

Approved this 28th day of February 2019.