

Park Hills  
Parks, Beautification & Recreation Committee Meeting  
Trolley Park  
April 13, 2017

**Committee Members Present:**

Melissa Willig  
Krista Morrison  
Jim Pfaller

Mary Ann Maffia  
Rachel Freitag-  
Doellman,

Stella Snowden  
Dan VonHandorf  
Jason Reser

**Community Present:** Joan Bovard

### Discussion of Mission and Vision Statement Voting

The committee voted and selected the following statements:

**Vision: Our committee envisions a city in which our citizens feel enriched by and invested in our green spaces and value them as places to enjoy outdoor activities and cultivate community interaction**

**Mission: We work to provide our residents and visitors with welcoming green spaces where they can enjoy an active, healthy lifestyle in Park Hills. We strive to maintain and improve on existing recreational and green spaces within our community, while also exploring new opportunities for growth and improvement.**

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### Funding Protocol – Avant Gardeners

Discussed the cost of maintaining the plantings throughout the city. Krista was unsure how much the city has earmarked. Jason reported that there is a bit over \$5k still unspent in the 2016-2017 budget, and Dan said that he has some projects such as fixing the fountain.

Plus, the irrigation system was chopped up when the new cameras were installed. His estimate for all that was \$3k tops, so just over \$2k is open if the money doesn't come from another account (Note: post-meeting found out that repair will not come from Park budget)

Discussed the lack of clarity regarding funding of greenspace plantings, etc. Ms. Bethel stopped by and said the spring annuals are reimbursed out of the Avant Gardeners Fund. After general discussion, it was not clear what is paid

out of the budget allotted by the city for PB&R. Ms. Bethel from the Avant Gardeners would look for totals from last year to give an idea of the overall costs and the donations from the organization.

## Identify and Prioritize Opportunities

Brainstorming Discussions.

Discussion that the first priority needs to be a direction/plan for PH greenspace. Meeting with a Landscape Designer; focus on conservation of resources like water, money and time. It was suggested that we need long-term objectives with short-term plans.

Discussed Social Ideas: Block Parties to build community. (Subcommittee seed: Mary Ann & Rachel)

Conservancy Ideas: Consider developing a new conservancy or use an existing conservancy or organization for donations of property for conservancy and park use. Ideas include PHCA, Kenton County Conservancy. (Subcommittee seed: Jim)

Process Documentation: Document to ensure consistency for future volunteers. Items to include: Physical Plans (i.e. maps of plantings), Expenses/cost estimates, how to do it, etc. Processes in need of documentation include plantings, Tree Board cooperative efforts, Memorial guidelines, Fundraisers and Parties. (Subcommittee seed: Stella & Krista)

**Adjourn.**

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