

Tomales Park Committee meeting minutes

March 24, 2014

Meeting commenced: 6:43pm

Patty Oku chaired the meeting.

Present were: Donna Clavaud, Walter Earle, Margret Graham, Eric Knudsen, Patty Oku, Karl Drexel, Victoria Hanson, Louise Gregg, Beth Koelker, Brian Lamoreaux and Peter MacLaird.

Late arrivals: Bill Bonini (to update on gazebo, then left early)

Brian Lamoreaux served as secretary.

1. Last meeting's minutes were edited and approved.
2. Bill discussed the gazebo renovation idea with David Judd and building inspector.
 - a. bringing the level of the gazebo floor to be level/flush with existing/natural grade.
 - b. Based on inspector feedback, no ADA railings would be needed if there are no steps / an elevation change. ADA requirements are known to be substantial.
 - c. Increasing diameter by 5 ft was discussed (to total diameter of approx. 20 ft), and keeping total roof height the same as existing. with a 2 ft overhang of roof.
 - d. David will draw a plan/sketch, which will hopefully be brought to next meeting.
 - e. Bill offered to have next meeting @ the Park and show everyone in person, location and scale, etc.
 - f. Brian mentioned having ability to elevate / raise the level of the floor is good for performances. Bill responded that ability to bring in a temporary stage should be possible.
 - g. Beth thanked Bill and David for their efforts & time.
3. Vicki requested that a map of the park be brought to each meeting (in future) for ease of reference.
4. Vicki requested a sign be posted in the Park and @ the Post Office to indicate Park events and meetings.
5. Margaret motioned that we create an invitation to community to participate in designing of a gazebo. Eric seconded the motion. Unanimous in favor, no nays. Motion carries.
 - a. Brian offered to write a sample invitation for comment on @ next Park Committee meeting, to be sent out after April meeting.
6. Planting Plan: Margaret identified that N&S fence lines are the best planting areas. Open spaces are important to keep in the park, and that if any planting is done, it would be best to wait until fall, before the next rains.
 - a. Margaret is not wanting to plant and irrigate until after construction of gazebo.
7. Paul Duffy Memorial Peace Sculpture idea:

- a. locations SE corner or uphill by SW corner loosely discussed.
 - b. locations outside the park were also mentioned
 - c. other Tomales residents who have passed recently were mentioned: Scott Lawson, and Barbara Taddei. A question was raised of how to incorporate / memorialize others. Donna mentioned filling the pond or another basin with stones engraved with names.
 - d. Donna said Terry is interested in being involved. Brian Duffy (son) is interested in building a base. Paul's sculpture is apparently already made.
 - e. the committee requests a diagram, picture, description, etc. of the sculpture for review.
8. Work Plan reviewed:
- a. Handicapped picnic tables will go to the north of gazebo.
 - b. Karl has a question of if Measure A funds can be used for PG&E bills (maintenance).
 - c. In process: ADA water faucet (\$3k cost) with dog bowl included.
 - i. request was made to review fountain style prior to install.
 - d. all projects requiring permits & inspections (water fountain, gazebo, gate entrance) - should be permitted together to save permitting costs, estimated to be \$7k per permit. Total if all included together = TBD.
 - i. Coastal Permit is needed but no Coastal Commission review.
 - ii. Question: can Measure A funds be used for permit?
 - e. Water tank restoration discussion:
 - i. Louise floated an idea of turning tower into a historic museum, commemorating water towers of the area.
 - ii. The Committee tabled the idea in context of current work plan goals, which are: to fix roof, window, and the water tank.
 - iii. Fire Pit & BBQ improvements:
 - 1. ideas discussed to fix existing / add ability to raise & lower the spit over the coals, which apparently does not work as well as it should.
 - 2. Donna suggested a small BBQ be added for smaller parties use.
 - 3. the notion of a "fire pit" was removed from the work plan due to too much fire liability, as of the stage of this work plan.
 - f. Bocce court: Eric K knows a local bocce court builder. The Committee decided to remove this from the work plan, due to not enough space for a bocce court in the park. Motion: Margaret. Second: Walter. Unanimous in favor to remove bocci court from work plan.
 - g. Gate entrance: it was confirmed that anything > 6 ft in height requires a permit. Bonnie's architect agreed to being involved in the design process.
9. Motions were made to get bids for: irrigation system and repairing the water tower.
10. Vicki asked about the Committee's public involvement process and communication with public. The Committee explained how communications with the community are made.

11. at the close of the meeting Louise offered 7 documents (with multiple pages per document) pertaining to historic towns & districts. Patty requested the committee get copies of them prior to the next meeting so the topic can be added to the agenda, as appropriate.

Meeting ended at 8:50pm

Minutes approved

Date: April 25, 2014