Parkwood Park Committee Meeting Minutes November 9, 2014

In attendance: Sheri Kennedy, Steve Elmore and Karna Candler

I. Budget

Over \$2200 was donated to South Fork Conservancy for the park. A detailed budget report is attached. NOTE: Additional \$3340.20 received and delivered to SFC on Friday, November 14.

The SFC donations were delivered to SF on Monday, November 10.

Sheri will send thank you cards this coming week to all the folks that donated.

Sheri will create a 2015 proposed budget to present to the committee at the next meeting.

II. Insurance

Steve talked with Neil Dobbs, insurance agent and mailed a check for the new policy. Steve has not yet received a copy of the policy. (NOTE: Steve received a copy of the policy this week.)

III. Fundraising/Partnership

Druid Hills Civic Association donation of \$1000 is for 2015. Sheri will check with Anne Wallace to see when the donation will be sent.

No word has been received concerning the amount of the Decatur Craft Beer Festival Grant.

IV. Communication

Sheri will submit a short article to South Fork Conservancy with updates about the park. (Update: Sheri submitted article on 11/11)

V. Overall Tree Plan

Steve is still planning on meeting with India Goodson with Decatur about creating a long term tree plan for the park.

VI. Memorial Tree Proposal

Jennifer Hamborsky, Upland Rd would like to plant a tree in memory of a neighbor's mom. We discussed several concerns and wanted to better understand Jennifer's request. Sheri will contact Jennifer to discuss.

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VII. Proposed Projects

Fall Projects

Traffic Triangle: Daffodil planting in the traffic triangle is scheduled for next week (Update: Bulbs planted on Tuesday, November 11.)

Traffic Circle: Sheri will contact Plants Creative Landscape to see when the boulder will be moved so fall clean-up, pruning and mulching can take place at the traffic circle. The traffic triangle will also be mulched. (Update: Email sent 11/09)

NOTE: Sheri is also contacting Dennis Begner with Above the Hedges and Tammy with Leitch Landscaping for moving the rock and the meadow project.

Neighborhood Woods Project: Sheri will contact Susan Cunningham-Pierce with Trees Atlanta about the Neighborwoods project scheduled for November 22. Sheri is verifying if mulch and compost will be delivered so we can coordinate our efforts. The proposed delivery area is currently a portion of the new meadow. (Update: only mulch will be delivered by our friends at Arborguard. Sheri will send information to Arborguard and put up M sign once it rains and the ground is softer.)

South End Planting Plan: We reviewed the planting plan for the south end of the park as we walked around the perimeter and along the trails. We had 3 areas of concern: the area at the corner of E Parkwood and the by-pass, the sun perennial mix area along W Parkwood and the fothergilla near the entrance to the trail on E Parkwood.

Sheri will meet with Meredith to discuss.

Meadow: Sheri will check with Meredith about Plants Creative Landscape smoothing out the meadow area. Once that is decided we will pick a date for compost delivery. (Update: Email sent on 11/09)

Sheri will mark sweet shrubs and spice bushes on the E Parkwood side that may be moved to the W Parkwood area.

Sheri will contact Dan about using the brush cutter in a couple of areas to remove dead invasive plants. (Update: Email sent on 11/11 and Dan replied and is willing but is out of town a great deal. Looking for an alternative solution.)

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Sheri will check with City of Decatur to discuss how we can remove the invasive plant debris on work days. (Update: Email sent on 11/10, LWTC Sean Woodson on 11/14)

Winter Projects

Creek Restoration: We agreed to target specific areas of the creek. Sheri recently toured a creek that Ron Smith (GNPS) is working with Brian at Trees Atlanta to develop a restoration plan. Brian had recommended live plants and not live stakes in this area. Sheri will contact Brian to visit the park to select a specific area for restoration and determine if live stakes or plants would work best. (Note: emailed Brian on 11/10 and received auto reply that he is out of town until 11/17. Will follow-up after his return.)