

# Sculpture Garden Citizen Advisory Committee

Meeting Held on February 13, 2025

(Minutes taken by Heidi Smith)

**Committee Members Attending:** Ardice Lorscheider, Kelly Palmer, Heidi Smith, Bethany Sorensen, Bryan Mark Taylor, Chrissy Henneman, and Bob Hanson (non-voting).

**Committee Members Unable to Attend:** Zach Newman, Jen Wadsworth, Roger Bennett & Jason Thelin.

**Guests Attending:** Emily Brooks Wayment & Rick Homer

Ardice called the meeting to order at 12:10pm.

## Committee Business & Discussion

Ardice referenced the past meeting minutes, which were adopted without changes. Next, the group introduced themselves (for the benefit of the guests attending).

### Discussion on Landscaping

Ardice shared a bit of background on Emily and welcomed her to the meeting. She mentioned that Emily has learned about and incorporated the committee's vision for the park into her recommendations.

Emily sees this location as a "Gathering Garden" for the city—a peaceful, serene area that everyone can enjoy. Then, she shared a mock-up of her ideas and discussed the different elements. Some of them include:

- Two formal entrances, plus several informal entrances and exits.
- Pillars at the entrance with welcoming, informative plaques (possibly with red or blue doors that formally welcome the visitor).
- The main walkway will have backless benches (she showed an example from the Alpine Yesterdays book) so occupants can face toward activities in the park, or in the adjacent field, where young people might be practicing sports.
- Sculptures will be located along the field's west side, and at the end of each walkway. There are also other areas, such as walls and openings, that can incorporate sculptures.
- The walkways will be constructed with a cobblestone-like design that will include donor memorial bricks scattered along the path. These can be tributes to current and past residents. They can also reference an Alpine time or story.
- Center area will be surrounded by benches, tables and swings (almost like spokes of a wheel). The ground will have mosaic stone design, lasting 100s of years.
- An 18" brick wall (running north to south) divides the park, adds seating, and provides mounting for sculptures.
- There was a discussion surrounding drought-resistant plants and trees to be chosen and mowing areas will have a low maintenance design. Additionally, the vegetation along the main pathway will have a natural, wild flower/grass feel. Thus, the maintenance requirements will be lower and the area will be colorful.
- A replica (or one from Moyle) fort is at the north end behind the relic hall, and accessible for play/open use.
- Until the foliage has filled in, there may be a need for brightly colored umbrellas for table shade.
- There was discussion about possible water features (i.e., trickling water instead of standing or deeper water). The group agreed that some sort of old-time water pump feature would be nice.
- To divide the park from the fire station, there is a tall hedge along the north side. It was mentioned that the north side will open to the Senior/Community Center and some parking options so there would need to be breaks in the hedge.



## Comments and questions:

- It would be nice to create a space outside the large window in the City Council room so it has a pleasant view for guests inside the building.
- The design needs to not strain the facilities crew who are already stretched very thin. It was suggested that we have a volunteer group to help maintain the space. This may be hard to sustain in the long-term, but a possible solution, regardless.
- A drinking fountain (or two) would be a good addition.
- It would be nice to have the main path continue around the entire park but not infringe on the open field area.
- The group was reminded to reiterate that the park is being paid for by private dollars.



## Presenting to City Council:

After a brief discussion, it was decided that the February 25<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting would be the best option for the council and committee. Chrissy will follow up with Jason, then talk to Shane to get the presentation added to the agenda.

The goal for the City Council meeting is to have them vote to approve the plan, contingent upon the planning commission's thorough review (i.e., for compliance with ADA, and other necessary steps that might be required when changing parks, etc.).

Ardice asked what the next steps would be to make the park a reality. Bob volunteered to create a draft presentation for Ardice & Emily to review, then shared with the group. A summary of the presentation will need to be completed by Thursday, February 20, before 5pm (so the City Council Members will have their packets on Friday, which is customary).

All are encouraged to attend to support the presenters (likely to be Ardice, Emily & Bob).

## Action items:

- Chrissy would inform Jason of today's meeting.
- Chrissy would contact Shane to confirm the presentation date of February 25.
- Bob would create a draft/flow for the presentation to share with Ardice & Emily, then the entire group.
- Bob will ensure that materials are prepared and delivered to City Hall on Thursday, February 20 (i.e., for City Council Members prior to their Tuesday meeting).

Ardice adjourned the meeting at 1:32pm.

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## Next meetings:

- To Be Determined.