

## MINUTES OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING 4-4-2019

The meeting was held at 7 pm in the Town Hall. Present were:

From the Land Use Committee: Dedun Ingram and Lees Hartman, co-chairs; Tom Collins, Kathy Flaxman, Rod Henderer, Eric Murtagh;

From the Town Council (TC): Barney Rush, Mayor and Liaison to the Land Use Committee; Cecily Baskir, Wicca Davidson, Kirk Renaud, Joel Rubin;

Dave Walton, Town staff; Edamarie Mattei and Mark Dennis, Backyard Bounty (BYB); Bridget Hartman, Garden Committee; Dave Eason, Public Services Committee; plus members of the public.

Minutes of the LUC's February meeting were approved by the committee as circulated.

The purpose of this meeting was to provide BYB with the information they will need to design two conceptual plans for Zimmerman Park (one with a DEA and one without a DEA) and to update the public on the state of plans for Zimmerman Park. Barney noted that no decision has been made about whether or not a DEA will be built in Zimmerman Park. At this point, the Town is trying to create master plans that take into account the various desires of residents. The two plans BYB will draft will be used to further the discussion about what additional amenities should be put in Zimmerman Park.

Lees gave a slide presentation showing details of amenities approved or proposed for Zimmerman Park.

Components discussed included:

- Lee Dennison Sustainable Garden: The Climate and Environment Committee, the Centennial Commission, and the Land Use Committee collaborated on use of a bequest from resident Lee Dennison. Backyard Bounty created a plan for a sustainable garden. Construction of the garden has been approved and installation bids are being sought.
- Path and stairs to East-West Highway: The Land Use Committee worked with BYB on a design for the path and stairs. Money has been approved for an engineering study for the stairs. The hope was to get this built by the fall but that is unlikely at this point.
- Water/stormwater drainage: The Town has received some engineering reports on water drainage in the Park as a whole and also on how the existing rain garden is currently functioning. Part of BYB's design work for the two plans will be to redesign the existing rain garden.
- Parking for park users: The Town had current parking in the area examined. The Public Services Committee will work on the issue
- Visual screening/noise abatement along East-West Highway
- Possible dog exercise area
- Possible play equipment
- Maximizing green area

The following topics were discussed during public comment:

- Lighting for pathway and stairs
- Screening of neighbors from path lighting and foot traffic
- Dog drinking fountain
- Addressing water issues by restoring the underground streams/removing culverts
- Maintaining a garden in accordance with Zimmerman brothers' wishes
- Dealing with the State right-of-way along the northern edge of the park. Can we plant in it?
- Holding a public meeting at the park with areas staked out for better visualizing
- Holding a Charente to gather additional feedback from residents once landscape plans have been developed.

Following public comment the LUC, TC and members of other Committees discussed with BYB possible amenities and their design. BYB asked that the LUC write and send to them a document describing deliverables they would like to receive as part of the conceptual design for the two Master Plans. The LUC will write a deliverables document and send it to the TC for their review and comment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.