

Lan-Oak Park District
Planning Committee
March 31, 2010

Chairperson Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:15pm. Upon roll call the following were present: Committee Members Kelly, Long (arrived at 7:40pm). Guest- Gaffney. Staff Liaison Wilson.

Wilson provided an update on:

- Enhancement Grant- will start to work on ordering the Pennsy Greenway signage and placing dirt in specific areas of the trail/street intersections for future landscaping projects associated with the grant. The dirt will come from the Meekma Park Development Project.
- Provided an update on the meeting with Mayor Abbott, Robinson Engineering and the Park District relating to the Wentworth Avenue Project and the Park Plaza. The County has not provided any updated drawings for the roadwork and has not applied for any permits with the FCC for the trail crossing at the railroad tracks. None of the parties even know if the County has purchased the appropriate right of way for the bike path. Wilson also pointed out that the egress and ingress to Wentworth Storage will not be the same because of the current settlement in the works relating to the lawsuit that was filed. He further indicated that Robinson Engineering will be attempting to arrange a meeting with the County Highway Department. A brief discussion was held on the request to the Village for Downtown TIF funding for work at the Park Plaza. Wilson informed the Committee that the request was \$1.8 million and mainly dealt with infrastructure improvements. The request to the Village will be placed in the April Board packet for the entire Board to review.
- A discussion was held on the topic of the Pennsy Greenway Spur and Monaldi Manor. Wilson has not heard anything from the Association at this time.
- Wilson announced that there will be a pre-construction meeting for the Meekma Park Development Project on April 1.
- Wilson further updated the Board about the proposed parking lot for the Plaza and the impending drainage improvements for the Park Plaza, specifically direct water drainage problem coming from the CJ Frank Building and dumping into the Park Plaza and additional drainage lines throughout the Plaza.

Commissioner Kelly led a discussion on the idea of themeing the parks. If one park would be more suitable for a particular activity more so than any other park within the community, that activity could prominently be incorporated in the renovation of that particular park. Discussion ensued and this proposed process will be further evaluated in future meetings.

The committee will be prioritizing the improvements in each park and establishing an overall project list throughout the community. In addition Wilson will be formulating a method to tabulate the information provided through the community wide survey that was mailed to over 12,000 mail addresses. As of this meeting over 70 surveys have been returned.

There being no further business Motion by Long to adjourn the meeting. Second by Kelly. Upon roll call all members present voted "aye". No nays.

Adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

John W. Wilson, CPRP

Secretary to the Park Board