



**AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR GREENSPACE
WORK SESSION
CITY HALL
DEWEY BROWN ROOM
August 28, 2018
7:00 pm**

MINUTES

Members Present: Brad Jones
Dee Merriam
Steve Sanchez

Item No. 1 Meeting Called to Order

Item No. 2 Adoption of Agenda

1. Discussed plan to complete Greenspace Recommendations Report and Survey results based on Public meetings held in February.

Brad to write recommendations and add to slideshow of greenspaces. Will send out draft via email to current and former Greenspace committee members for comment by Sept 22.

Dee to compile survey results for inclusion in report.

Discussed presenting the Greenspace Committee's recommendations in a public forum, similar to the public input session. Dee discussed having Sheri Locke present her "Plan #9" Town Green concept for the City's four-acre site.

Report will be sent to the City for uploading after public meeting.

Based on schedules, the proposed dates are Thursday Oct 11 from 7-9pm and Saturday, Oct 13 from 3-5pm.

Dee will coordinate publicizing the meeting with Rebecca Long at the City.

2. Additional topics:

Issues of tree save fence having been removed at the South City Partners site was noted. Incidents of equipment being used and parked within the critical root zones had been observed.

Park Prescription publicity is underway from the DeKalb Board of Health and other agencies. Dee suggested Avondale plan for an event in April 2019.

<http://www.parkrx.org/national-parkrx-day> Discussed reminding the City to open discussions with DeKalb County on acquiring Lanier Gardens, the small park along Arcadia Avenue at Sam's Crossing. Dee noted that initial discussions with DeKalb Parks in 2016 was positive; they have been turning over county

park spaces to municipalities as they annex county land into city boundaries. However, it will require an MOU between the City and DeKalb County. The definition of open space in the city's zoning needs to be revised. TC has minimal greenspace, however, due to balconies, etc. technically exceeds open space requirements.

Item No. 5 Public Comment

Klaus Van Den Berg asked the Greenspace Committee's opinion on the agreement between the City and Trammell Crow regarding the work on the City's 4 acres. Brad indicated that his understanding of the scope was that TC would not impact the Credit Union property or the Art Lot but would remove the surface parking at the corner of Franklin and Oak Street, leveling the site and planting either grass or sod so the site could be used as an interim greenspace until such time as the City develops the site into a park. Most of this work will be required no matter what the city does with the site.

Item No. 6 Adjournment