

Howey-in-the-Hills Parks and Recreation Advisory Board  
January 12, 2018 Minutes

Attendees: Peggy Ernest, Martha MacFarlane, Pat Miller, John Ernest, Charlotte Maffia, Kelly Cook, Marsha Schneider

**Reports & Announcements:**

**Financial Report** –FY 2018 report was shared, Martha will ask if a detailed report can be created/standard

**Events Committee** – No update

**Public Services Report and Parks Survey**

- Marsha and Peggy provided an accounting of the pavers. P&R and the Library Board will each purchase an “example” paver for display in Town Hall and the Library. Peggy will draft text for pavers.
- Parks Surveys: All of the parks look good. Public Services Report details repairs/work completed since December meeting and plans for spring clean-up.
  - Pending info on hurricane repair funding; extension was requested to complete the FEMA documentation.
- There is a small plot at the intersection of N. Florida and W. Dupont that has been identified as a “park”. P&R will discuss possible options/uses.

**Old Business**

**Sculpture Update**

- The check for the deposit on the Osprey sculpture should be sent soon. John has a reclaimed pipe and fitting that will serve as the base for the new sculpture

**Howey Welcome Booklet**

- Received emergency prep. info. from the Howey Police Dept. Martha had a second discussion with the printer, they suggested adding info. on town civic organizations. Martha is going to ask citizens to assist in gathering information and photos so that the publication can be finalized before the end of February 2018.

**Library Landscaping Update**

- P&R agreed to the plans for the new Library Landscape and Florida Native Plant (FNP) Learning Garden. Public Services will assemble 3 bids for the new Library landscaping (P&R received clarification that publishing request for bids is required for projects over \$30k). P&R will present the plan/bids to the mayor for approval/funding before February 15, 2018.
- Public Service will prepare a planting bed with a low boarder fence, in Central Park, for the FNP currently in front of the Library. Marsha will assist Jayne and Audrey in gathering volunteers to move the plants and manage/maintain the new Learning Garden. The FNP will be moved before March 1, 2018.
- Goal: complete project before the March 31, 2018

**New Business:**

**Sidewalk to connect Venezia to Howey Central**

- To facilitate utilization of Howey resources by the citizens of Venezia and those beyond the current Lakeshore/Palm sidewalks P&R is requesting that the Town Council:
  - approve building a golf cart/bike path connecting the back of Venezia to Revels Road
  - work with FDOT to connect the Venezia sidewalk to S. Florida Avenue or other option

**Voting for P&R Board Chair and Secretary**

- Kelly Cook will remain Chair
- Pat Miller and Martha will share the Secretary duties

Respectfully Submitted,

Martha MacFarlane



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