

FPSE Infrastructure Committee

8.21.2024

Attendees:

Julie Birkenmaier, Dan Doelling, Nathan Raymond, Tyler Wildermuth, Brian James

Old Business:

RMHC & Chouteau Park Updates

- Relying upon Abdul and Ald. Browning to help us identify another contact for RMHC after CEO Dan Harbaugh's passing

The committee may need to track potential partners, creating a spreadsheet

- New partners mentioned, MO Foundation for Health, Guy Slay

Discussion on Love Bank Park in Cherokee as a model

- ultimately, LBP is a private park with a different ownership and upkeep structure

Question - We should determine how we want to engage partners

- Planning support vs financial support

Is Chouteau Park a city or private park?

- Kim from the Parks Dept. might be the contact to build the framework that we're operating within as a public park to know what upgrades are possible
- Discussion on the framework of what's possible from Parks, or reconsidering the park's involvement
 - Discussions for and against the park's continued status as a city park

- We should be clear to partners that we are adding to the park, not re-developing
- Dog Park seems like it needs upkeep, pavilion, shade, etc
- Maintenance structure is important to the success of the project

Do we have a resource for a more expansive idea?

- The committee tasked Dan with looking for potential early inspiration & design partners that would support next steps
- Questions that might arise are
 - what do we design to
 - requirements,
 - budget

Discussion on requirements / ideation

- Event space where we host things, we have the little space
- Shade structure
- Custom vs prefab
 - designing with motifs of the FPSE and Grove

Approaching other Needs

- in the past, we had a needs focus with a date to target
 - we do not have this structure now
- I think he wants us to identify needs

Needs Discussion

- Ongoing needs that we're aware of, but haven't found specific solutions for

- Vista Ave is requesting speedbumps
 - will require a petition for MB to then put in an ordinance/bill to receive traffic calming
- Crosswalks - painting, updating, etc
 - bumpouts at the intersections
- Safety Priority, felt safety, late night on Manchester
- Committee agreed to create a Needs listing to begin tracking Needs items for the neighborhood
 - Top line items
 - Rolling list of things to do
 - Open item each month to discuss and review this list
- Bringing in Neighborhood Improvement Specialist & Michael Browning

Next month's meeting:

- First Tuesday, Sept 3rd
- Meeting to start with the needs and then move to Chouteau Park