

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Park Foundation Board of Directors

September 6, 2022

This meeting was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on September 6, 2022 at the Park District Boardroom for the express purpose of hearing a presentation by Keven Graham of Terra Engineering regarding the Sunken Garden Fountain Improvement Project

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Gary Gillis at 4:30 p.m.

Roll call was taken as follows:

Present: Directors Kyle Cain, Gary Gillis, Dennis Green, Buster Hanley, Jim Ruth and Jack Steger.

Absent: Cameron Bettin and Scott Kriegsman.

Also Present: Keven Graham of Terra Engineering and Mayor Mark Luft.

Keven began his presentation by explaining that his firm had completed a topographical survey of the existing site and performed an assessment of the area.

He reported that the piping and infrastructure of the fountain is corroding while the basin itself is in good condition.

Keven offered two options for consideration.

Option 1 would keep the basin at the same size but the elevation would be raised 18 to 22 inches. He suggested that programmable jets could be installed to provide animation to the fountain. He offered a prototype to help visualize the concept.

Option 2 was designed so that it could be used year-round by installing decorations when the fountain was not in use.

Keven mentioned Hydrodramatics, a St. Louis firm that does a good job designing mechanicals for fountains in the Midwest.

After viewing both options, concerns were raised by the Directors regarding adequate seating and the possibility of streetside trees blocking the view of the fountain from motorists and pedestrians passing by. There was also a question raised of adequate shade for those visiting the fountain area. The question was raised as to, whether music or speakers could be included in the project.

Keven estimated the cost of Design Option 1 to be around \$475,000 for the fountain with a total project cost close to \$1 million. Option 2 he estimated to be around \$650,000 for the fountain with a total cost of roughly \$1.6 million.

He also recommended adding a 20% contingency to the estimate.

After Keven completed his presentation, discussion continued regarding how to fund the project. Good ideas were exchanged with more discussion to occur at a later date.

Kyle moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by Jim. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Dennis Green, Secretary

Next Meeting: September 19, 2022

