

Mansfield Community Playground Project
Meeting Minutes

Date: January 12, 2012, 7pm, Conference room B

Present: Sara Anderson, Kathleen Krider, Esther Soffer Roberts, Chrissy Johnson, Kelly Zimmermann, Julia DeLapp, Megan Huff, Jessica Higham, Ellen Tulman, Kevin Grunwald, Paul Johnson, Jean Johnson, and Pam Roberts

Next Meeting: Thursday February 9, 2012 7 pm (conference room C or B)

- I. Follow up regarding questions posed at previous meetings:
 - a. Sara reported that liability will fall under land/property of town
 - b. Sara has an understanding of what L&A (Leathers & Associates) will require from a surveyors' report
- II. Recent presentations
 - a. Sara & Ellen presented at SEPTO (Special Education PTO) in December and Ellen will present at the SEPTO meeting on 1/18/12
 - b. Sara gave brief overview of her presentation at Town Council mtg and all had a chance to review the article that had appeared in The Chronicle following council meeting.
 - i. **Playground committee will need to officially ask Town Council for permission to use land.
- III. Discussion of land/location of playground
 - a. A suggestion has been made to use parking lot between town offices and EOSmith
 - i. Pros/cons discussed (land already cleared & level, closer to existing plumbing, flexible space, but close to main road)
 - b. Question posed about how to collaborate/coordinate with Downtown Partnership
 - c. Committee members were asked to look at the property and be prepared to discuss it in more depth at our next meeting.
- IV. Committee Progress
 - a. Public Relations – Website designer (Lauren LeBlanc) is on board. Sample of website was shared with group. MAC will pay for getting website up and running, domain name, etc.
 - b. Children's Committee has established 2 dates to make presentations at the schools. They have identified 3 tentative Saturdays to get groups of children together at MCC prior to Design Day (in May?). Will work to keep children involved throughout 2012 until building done in 2013.
- V. Winter Fun Day at MCC on Saturday February 4, 2012
 - a. Sara will send an email out to get volunteers scheduled. A suggestion was made to update tri-fold pamphlet to reflect progress we've made and any definite dates.

- VI. Design Day discussion
 - a. Sara asked the committee to begin to think about details of Design Day (food, entertainment, etc)
- VII. Fundraising
 - a. There will be a special fundraising meeting Thursday January 19, 2012 (details to follow from Sara) all are welcome.
 - b. Julia suggested a "Take Note" concert
 - c. Pam & Kathleen discussed possible grant opportunities (referenced Mr & Mrs Toomey - connected with Vinton School)
 - d. Kevin had contact with state rep. Greg Haddad who will follow up regarding possible state funds
 - e. Kevin & Kathleen discussed using some funds from Discovery Grant
 - f. Discussion regarding establishing a separate town account for donations.
Question – Can we find a way to accept online donations?

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Anderson