

Brentwood Community Enhancement Fund Meeting Minutes

BCEF MINUTES OF MEETING 2

Date: April 2, 2014

Location: Bridgeland Boardroom, City Hall

Present: **Thom Mahler** – Manager of Established Community Planning (Chair)
Keath Parker – City of Calgary Parks
Ryan Hall – Senior Planner, Land Use Planning and Policy (Secretary)
Patrick Wiley – Landscape Architect with Parks (Applicant and project manager of Blakiston Park)
Jules Hall – Senior Planner, Development and Building Approvals
Zoran Carkic - Transportation
Councilor Druh Farrell – Ward 7
Cheri Macaulay – Brentwood Community Association
Joe Starkman – Partner, Knightsbridge Homes (Local contributor to BCEF)

Absent: None

Purpose of Meeting: **Request from Parks for additional funds**

Fund Balance
The balance in the fund currently is as follows; Gross balance \$0.95M Approximate Net balance \$0.95M
Blakiston Park Engagement and Detailed Design Application
Patrick Wiley and Keath Parker provided a short presentation on the project, timelines, and phasing, and requested support an additional allocation in the amount of \$350K to be earmarked for engagement and detailed design. The RFP consultant has been selected, and procurement is awaiting council approval of the funds before the contract can begin.
<u>Motion 1</u> Recommend to Council the authorization of an expenditure of up to \$375,000 from the BCEF for the purpose of conceptual design, public engagement and detailed design for Blakiston Park improvements. (Moved by Joe Starkman. Unanimous approval)
<u>Motion 2</u> Further, authorize the BCEF Administrative Committee, to approve the expenditure of further funds from the BCEF for the purpose of park construction up to a total of \$575,000 without further Council approval. (Moved by Cheri Macaulay. Unanimous approval)
In Favour of both motions (voting members only): Thom Mahler Jules Hall Ryan Hall Zoran Carkic

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Cheri Macaulay
Joe Starkman
Councillor Druh Farrell
Not In Favour
None

Discussion

There is potential for additional costs to the City in delaying design solutions with respect to the interface between the final phases of University City and the grade change along Blakiston Park. The design and construction of the interface will need to be resolved prior to October 2015 in order to avoid the construction of a retaining wall.

Engagement with the community is highly desired before summer. July and August are typically the worst months during which to get input from local residents. Targeted engagement at an early stage to resolve the interface between the park and university city buildings is desirable.

Complete construction costs may be covered by CRIPS in future. Timeline is unknown. The first phase of construction should occur as soon as possible after the design and engagement are completed. A second motion to allow expenditure on construction of up to \$575K would help.

Council target is June 9 2014.

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TBA

Action Items

1. Patrick Wiley to send project timeline to all BCEF members.
2. Distribute minutes to BCEF committee members.
3. Populate Brentwood LUPP website with new information about Blakiston Park design and engagement process.
4. Prepare newsletter inserts for Cheri Macaulay to be distributed to the Brentwood community.

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