

**Jackson Park Board Meeting
Jackson City Hall**

12/14/2021

Attendees:

- Attendees: Matt Skaret, Mike Gruhkle, Neal Carlson, Luke Ewald, Chris Vee, Phil Markman, Lynne Anderson, Michael Haeffner.
- Absent: Michael Gilbert, Jen Eicholz.
- Guests: N/A

Memorial Park Projects for 2022 and Veteran Plaza Update

- Matt shared that with visiting with the City Finance Committee we should look at some projects for Memorial Park, particularly the Veterans Plaza; Matt shared, in conversation with Dave Hargen from the Veteran Committee, there hasn't been much progress done with the committee agreeing on what they would like to see; one suggestion shared was finding an architect to help come up with a drawing for the project; Chris suggested that seeing if a couple of Park Board Members could be appointed to the veteran committee to help lead them to a direction. The Board was receptive to this idea. Chris Vee, Mike Gruhlke, and Luke Ewald volunteered to serve on the committee if the veterans are amicable to meeting.
- Action item: check with Boekett to see if they can come up with a Veteran Plaza design; Matt will reach out to Dave Hargen to get a group together.

Kayak Launch Update- Jackson Healthcare Foundation Grant

- Phil Nasby contacted Luke on 12/13/2021 to discuss a few updates regarding the kayak launch; we should look at visiting Leland Erickson (there is a small area of land that we might be able to use for a potential launch site in the Des Moines Township); we should also be on the lookout for the [Project AWARE](#) group that will be doing volunteer work in the Petersburg area to clean up the river in May 2022 as part of their goal to learn more about the river's water quality, biology, geology, and cultural history; Phil shared that he is working on getting them a water permit to do this volunteer work.
- Matt shared that Ron Anderson from the Healthcare Foundation contacted him about the kayak launch funding; Ron was looking to get an idea on how much the city and park board could come up with to help fund the project if the project isn't fully funded by the healthcare foundation; overall the healthcare foundation seems to be very interested in the project. Matt told Ron that we'd like as much as we can get from the Healthcare Foundation, but if they could fund half of the project the City and Park Board could probably come through with the rest.

Remick Foundation- Grant possibilities

- The Remick Grant is due 3/1/2022; grant funding ranges \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Trail/Park Art

- The Jackson Center for the Arts developed a Community Art Mural Task Force several months to work on outdoor and indoor interactive art projects in downtown Jackson. The Task Force is looking for public feedback, and new ideas, as they move into 2022. Please take a few moments to complete this survey. Survey results will be analyzed sometime in early to mid-January 2022; the survey link is available here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SLK6GSF>; there has been discussion among the Task Force regarding sculptures along trails and in parks.

Ice Shack Attendant Update

- There have been no applicants sent to the city; the weather hasn't been very cooperative to have good ice; the area has already been prepped for ice skating; Chris suggested that we revisit the Ice Shack to look for a permanent location.

Phil/Neal's Report

- Phil shared that the Splash Pad sign had fallen down; it is unknown if this was caused by vandalism or the wind.
- The bench was removed from Ashley Park due to reshaping the culvert.

Other:

- Mike would like to see a street light near the Chamber/Pizza Ranch area because it is very dark during the evening. Phil Markman noted that the area was probably better lit before the nearby the Welcome to Jackson sign blew down. Matt will check with the Electric Department about putting up a new street light nearby.

Adjournment:

Next Meeting:

January 11th, 2022 at 530pm.