

Candler Park Conservancy, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

7:00 pm

Rush Center Training Room

1530 Dekalb Ave NE, 30307

Present: Dan Hanlon, Elliott Jones, Ben Klehr, Scott Lenhart, John Skach, Perry Smith, Amy Stout, Doug Wetzel, and Omar Zaki.

Not Present: Ken Edelstein, Stacy Funderburke, Lauren Welsh, and Jack White

The agenda for this special meeting held specifically to address the issue of whether to apply for a Park Pride Legacy Grant for the Amphitheater (although not formally adopted) was as follows:

1. Review Feedback from Park Pride
2. Vote on Submitting Grant Application
3. Discuss Next Steps

Review Feedback from Park Pride

Dan Hanlon reported that Stacy Funderburke talked with Michael Halicki at Park Pride and with his coworker Roberta Moore who previously worked for Park Pride. They both said that the portion Park Pride would be funding felt uncomfortably small relative to the entire project budget. In addition, the time frame is short. All funding must be acquired, and the project must be completed within 18 months of award date (because of the requirements of Park Pride's funding from the Woodruff Foundation). Furthermore, we do not have staff to fundraise. Consequently, it doesn't seem like we would be successful, and Dan is recommending that we not put in a grant application.

Based on this feedback from Park Pride, he did not feel it was necessary to consult with Coxe Curry again at this time.

Incidentally, the price estimates did not go down, but instead went up. Micah Lipscomb dug into the estimates. While he found some costs savings, he found other line items that were underpriced.

Vote on Submitting Grant Application

A motion not to submit an application to Park Pride for a legacy grant for either the active lawn or the amphitheater was unanimously approved.

Next Steps

We need to report back to CPNO with updated information. Also, we should ask them for help on figuring out next steps regarding these projects. We need more and better communication with CPNO, so that they are aware of all these recent developments.

We may want to prioritize finding funds to hire Coxe Curry to help fundraise. Alternatively, it may be more cost-effective to hire an executive director who would bring in funding.

We likely need to show that we can run a project.