



Discovery Garden Park Board Meeting Agenda

Date/Time: 1/09/2024 6:00 PM

Location: Municipal Building, 2nd Floor, Board Room

- A. Call to Order:** *Please Turn Off All Cell Phones and Electronic Devices (John) 6:00*
- B. Approval of Minutes:** *Minutes from 12/09/2024 Board Meeting prior-reviewed via email, xxxxxx then xxxxxx*
- C. Citizen Input:**
- D. Treasurer's Report:** Financial Statement/Balance/Revenues/Expenses (Kathy)
 - 1. Placeholder for financial information
- E. Board Updates**
 - 1. Membership Update: Membership Renewal Status/Changes/Wait List Updates (Kathy)
- F. Social Media Update** –Quarterly in January (Sharon)
- G. Council Updates:** (Josh)
- H. Returning Agenda Items:** (Same outline as prior meeting as a reminder)
 - 1. Beaver Ridge Elementary Courtyard Garden Project – John
 - i. LaShun Pecharka, ITI Coach, has requested assistance from DGP to create raised beds in the interior courtyard
 - 1. 6 raised cedar beds – 1 each for K-5th grades
 - ii. Tixie Fowler, John Herron and April MacManus met with LaShun to discuss her vision
 - 1. Tixie committed to matching the \$500 grant already received to fund the garden
 - iii. Created Workplan to get approval of the entire plan from Principal
 - iv. Salvage some plants by Garden Club for funds raised in sale of Garden Club
 - 1. Reach out to Kathy Sumner to determine what is salvageable
 - a. She will go look at the plants to determine what is salvageable
 - v. 4 forms of support
 - 1. Labor
 - 2. Matching tree to Japanese Maple
 - 3. Soil to fill the beds
 - 4. Buy hardwood mulch for floor of garden beds
 - vi. Discussion and opinions of scope of project and intended commitment

- vii. Discussion of planning in December and Action in January
 - viii. Action Item
 - 1. LaShun – What Parent involvement do you expect?
 - 2. After action items, additional information will be presented to the board
2. Security Meeting with Nicole Hooks, John Herron and Eric Johnson on 12/19/2024 summarized as follows: This meeting was to discuss what appears to be the escalation of "criminal activity" at DGP since late October. John provided Eric the summary he put together with input from DGP Board and others.
- i. John reviewed the limited visibility the current camera provides (placement and quality). Reminded Eric that there is signage that the property is under surveillance.
 - (i) When I mentioned posting an unused police vehicle at DGP, he quickly responded that it would take little to no time for people to recognize no one is in the vehicle and would leave that vehicle susceptible to vandalism.
 - (ii) John mentioned the solar powered video recording trailer (the one at Lowe's) and asked for something like that to be considered by City to be moved around, as needed. When John asked what do other City properties/parks use to identify/deter criminal activity, he mentioned video recording surveillance cameras posted at properties, cameras are not monitored but recordings can be viewed, as needed. He will discuss with Chief of Police, as Chief may have other ideas about what works/doesn't work..... mentioned City has Community Outreach Officer who might also have ideas, since this is their role.
 - (iii) I asked if PD can do more frequent drive-by's at DGP (presence), park there while on break, doing paperwork/admin activities, etc. John and I got a lesson on how PD patrol activities are "data-driven" (will spare the details, John can expound at January Bd Mtg if desired by others).
 - (iv) When I asked if he was aware of City monitoring water usage spikes at DGP so it can be determined if more expense this year than last due to broken spickets/hose handles, children pretending to pressure wash, etc. Since Gwinnett services water, he's not aware of anyone monitoring this at City. I asked if City gets billed by Gwinnett because if it does, surely someone gets/pays the water bill and would have history. Eric then asked if anyone on DGP board knows where to shut off the water at main valve and have we considered shutting off water daily. Not sure how that would go over with plot renters and whether the constant off/on of a main valve would cause more problems than not. I have my personal opinion, but this can be discussed further.
 - (v) Bottom line, John and I are hoping to get some viable and actionable feedback from Eric on suggestions from Chief of Police. If the suggestion(s) includes better video surveillance/recording infrastructure, I am hopeful we can move ahead with a game plan in 1Q2025.

I. New Agenda Items:

- 1. New Chairperson for DGP Board (John)

2. New Garden Beds – Plan Going Forward (John)
3. Bee Hives (Paul)

J. Additional Input/Discussion Not Otherwise Addressed By This Agenda:

K. Adjourn Motion xxxx, xxxx, all

L. Signed By: John Herron, Chairperson

M. Attested: Shayla Royal, Deputy City Clerk