

**Friends of Parks and Recreation  
Minutes  
September 19, 2023**

**Attending**

Ken Haines  
Doug Severs  
Mary Buckman

Laurie Mason  
Charley Fisher  
Stephanie Long

Mary Buckman  
Audrey Hatch

**Absent**

Olga Loza  
Jenny Meisel  
Meredith Petit

**Minutes**

Ken brought the meeting to order at 5pm. Laurie made a motion to approve the minutes. Doug seconded. Vote was unanimous.

After the meeting, a vote was taken via email to support financially the PAC working to pass the levy. All votes were “yes” except for Stephanie’s “no” vote. NOTE: this vote had already been taken at the meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Mary reported that after an email discussion, the Board agreed to put an additional \$75,000 into a one year CD at 5.3%.

Mary is working with the bookkeeper to get beginning balances of accounts to match the ending balances of last month’s report. Laurie asked if we could see a list of all checks/donations that have passed through the city to MLK Park. Mary said the easiest way would be to ask for the list from Parks and Rec. There was a discussion of the details which are necessary for the job of Treasurer. Mary asked if anyone else would like to be Treasurer next time around. Laurie made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report and Doug seconded. Mary made a motion to renew the CD coming to term for 6 months. Charley seconded. Both votes were unanimous. Mary mentioned our Directors’ insurance policy. She said it does not include liability for events. Ken said we should shop for insurance. Mary said not many companies handle it. Laurie asked what the level of coverage is. Mary said one million dollars. Ken suggested renewing it for the next year and then do research on alternatives.

**Local Option Levy**

There was a discussion about supporting the renewal of the levy by giving financially to the PAC supporting it. Charley and Mary, both original Board members, said the spirit of the bylaws when written was to allow this kind of support since the levy supports Parks and Rec. Mary made a motion to donate \$2000 to the PAC. Charley seconded. All voted yes except for Stephanie.

**MLK Park**

Audrey asked that the Board reflect at the next meeting on how the involvement with the MLK Park project has been. Audrey also said that would be her last meeting.

**New Board Members, etc.**

Laurie reported that she visited the Aquatic Center and C3 in search of potential Board members. She found none at the Aquatic Center and one possibility at C3. Markets. Ken suggested we talk about ways to recruit new Board members from the community at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Long Mehlenbacher

