

Cathedral Square Friends  
**Steering Committee Meeting**  
06/22/2016

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**22 June 2016/ 6:00 PM / 825 N Jefferson St, Milwaukee, WI, Board Room 1st Floor**

**ATTENDEES**

Carl Baehr, Dave Reid, Edward Beckard, Greg Patin, Mariiana Tzotcheva, Kim Morris,  
Sharon Woodhouse, Emily McElwee, Dan Taylor, Kyle Gast

Milwaukee County Parks: Laura Schloesser ,Guy Smith

(Guy.Smith@milwaukeecountywi.gov), Jill Organ (Jill.Organ@milwaukeecountywi.gov)

Not in attendance: Mary Patzke, Thomas Leisle Jr., Joan Herriges, Lindsey Arnold,

**AGENDA**

- 1) Approval of last meeting minutes
- 2) Discussion with Milwaukee County Parks
- 3) CSF updates and planning topics
- 4) Summary & Next steps

**NOTES**

**1. Approval of last meeting minutes**

The group approved the meeting minutes from the May 18, 2016 meeting.

**2. Discussion with Milwaukee County Parks**

Playground

This is the oldest playground in Milwaukee County (MC). The county is planning for replacement and is looking for the public's feedback on the appropriateness of the playground. Typically a playground's useful life is 20 years. Estimated cost for replacement

is \$275,000. Laura Schloesser presented to CSF the plan/design for the new playground. There is a possibility for the new playground to be placed at a different location in the park. The deed restrictions were discussed – a permanent structure cannot be built on the south side of the park. MC asked CSF for a position on the playground (support/opposition/suggestions) by February 2017. CSF to prepare simple diagrams to use for space planning issues. MC can provide GIS maps (utilities, etc).

### Statue of Immigrant Mother

MC has secured funding for the cleaning of the statue.

### Pavers

MC, East Town Association and CFS are aligned and would like to see pavers installed around the Square. Pavers aesthetically pleasing and provide nice curb appeal. City of Milwaukee and MC standards have to be researched and met, and cost estimated. For example the price per sq ft for stamped concrete = \$10. CSF will contact Gassan Korban of the Department of Public Works for more information and invite to next CSF Steering Committee meeting in July. Pavers can be installed in sections, for example Jefferson St first. The cost of MC contracting for services is estimated to be on average 40% higher compared to if a friend's groups does it.

### Tree replacements

Currently MC is replacing trees in the parks at a ratio of 1:4, one new tree for four removed trees. MC is working with three different groups on tree replacements: Parks People, Lake Park Friends Group has allocated money and is paying for tree replacements and the Brewers are providing funding. The Brewers support areas that are connected to sports.

## Donations of services

MC is also accepting donations of services, such as landscaping business donating services. For example MGIC has donated irrigation service for Red Arrow park.

## Volunteer Clean up

MC suggested to CSF to support a volunteer clean up even at the Square. MC will have a new volunteer coordinator position filled in shortly who can assist CSF.

## The Fountain

Some members of CSF expressed interest replacing the fountain and some expressed concern, primarily related to operating cost and maintenance. Staff members from Milwaukee County Parks explained that setting up an endowment fund for maintenance is an option to cover the operating cost and maintenance. CFS suggested this. MC likes it.

## Bublr Bike Station

The Bublr Bike Station that is currently located on Kilbourn Ave, adjacent to MSOE will need to be moved. The proposed new location is across from the Cathedral, on Jackson St, next to the bus shelter.

### **3. CSF updates and planning topics**

Discussion on progress and what things to get accomplished over the upcoming months.

Topics included:

- CSF has filed with the state and now a bank account can be opened
- Donations to be managed thru the website. Donations can be general or specific to a project. Example is Doctor`s Park
- Donation box can be placed on the table at Summer events promoting the CSF
- Crowdfunding is also an option for raising money

#### **4. Summary & Next steps**

Summarized next steps and action items

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **All** - review meeting minutes from May meeting
2. **Mariiana Tzotcheva** - email the group meeting minutes
3. **Kyle Gast** - put together drawings to help planning the pavers
4. **Jill Organ (Milwaukee County Parks)**- provide a copy of proposal for the playground
5. **Laura Schloesser (Milwaukee County Parks)** - GIS maps
6. **Dan Taylor/Ed Beckard/Greg Patin** - design of a CSF logo and table wrapping banner , marketing piece
7. **Sharon Woodhouse** - write content for the website
8. **Carl Baehr** - update the content for the History page based on MC feedback
9. **Dave Reid** - prepare a list of website content needs
10. **Dave Reid** - open a bank account for CSF
11. **Dave Reid** - contact Gassan Korban of Department of Public Works

#### **NEXT MEETING**

**07/27/2016, Wednesday, 6:00 pm, Location : TBD**