

Parks Sub-Committee

Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Auburn Parks Sub-Committee was held on Wednesday February 22, at 6:30 PM, and was held in the Bump out Room in Auburn City Hall.

Members Present

Misty Edgecomb

Tizz Crowley

Sabrina Best

Members Absent

Chuck Lafean

Larry Pelletier

Gisele Guerrette

Walter Meuse

City Representatives

None present

Minutes:

The resignation of Bob Sipe was discussed as he was the chair of the committee. Misty Edgecomb began acting as chair until a permanent chair was voted on. Designation of the chair and co-chair was tabled until the next meeting.

Memorial Day flags were discussed. In the past the flags have been put out by local Veterans groups. They get put out the Friday on Memorial weekend. It was noted that this hasn't been going great as of late. The group discussed what other cities do to get ideas for how Auburn could improve their practice. In Lewiston the Mayor puts out a call to volunteers, they mobilize and get 5,000 flags put out. Tizz will find out from Bettyanne which group does put flags out for Auburn. The fact that many female veterans go unrecognized because of lack of paperwork and grave markings was also brought up. Making sure all of Auburn's vets get a flag should be a priority for the upcoming years.

Tizz has reached out to Rosemary Moser (map lady) who is working on getting the cemeteries on a GIS list- which she is working on. Making sure that veteran graves are locatable by GPS and marked should ensure that they get flags.

Tizz made a motion that the city secures 500 markers (flag holders) in inventory by the first of May and 1,000 flags at minimum. Misty Seconded the motion, and Sabrina supports. Vote is unanimous.

The question was asked, if there is no funding would the city reach out to Ed Degrosa to see if his committee would help.

Questions were put out about Memorial Day plans. Is the city planning on any Memorial Day festivities/services? What if any resources are spent for the parade that happens each year?

Open Session:

Joe Gray came by and supported Auburn Parks and this sub-committee. He mentioned the new signage at Spring Road.

Tina Gilbert came by and also voiced support for Auburn Parks and this sub-committee, and spoke of her support for the Lake Street Playground project and how that neighborhood is in need of a playground.

Belinda Gerry came by and also supported Auburn parks and the sub-committee and spoke about the gardens that are to be built on Newberry Street. The garden is in a flood zone but it was noted that there hasn't been a flood there since 1988.

End of meeting: Tizz made the motion to end the meeting, Misty seconds, vote was unanimous

Meeting adjourned

Homework:

Name 3 of your fondest childhood memories, how do they speak to the quality of life we want to see here in Auburn.

Parks Sub-Committee next Meeting Date:

March 29, 6:30 pm at Auburn Hall