

**Minutes of the Montgomery County Conservation Board
Wednesday, May 7, 2008**

Members present

Chairman John Bartee, Jerry Allbert, Betty Barnett, and Stacy Goodwin

Members absent

Benny Skinner and Steve Joiner

Others present

Ed Davis, Lathe Gaither, James Thomas, Jon Clark, and Charlie Riggins

Location

The County Conservation Board meeting took place at the Montgomery County Courthouse, 1 Millennium Plaza, Clarksville, Tenn.

Call to Order

Chairman John Bartee called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Allbert, seconded by Ms. Barnett, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2008, meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion

The committee met to select an architect for Woodlawn Park renovations. Architect Jon Clark, of Clark and Associates, stated that the aging park needed revitalization, suggested locating utilities underground, and that the renovations could be completed in three to five separate phases. At this point, Mr. Davis noted there are sentimental aspects associated with this park and suggested those involved be culturally sensitive regarding the renovations. Projects Director Lathe Gaither presented a schedule of proposed renovations at the park (see attached information). At this point,

A motion was made by Ms. Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Allbert, to request that Clark and Associates submit to the committee a bid for architectural fees for Woodlawn Park (to include a proposal for the master plan with scope of services and cost). Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion then turned to procedures by which the committee would consider purchasing land. After much discussion regarding offers and possibilities, Mr. Davis suggested this matter certainly falls within the purview of this committee, and that proposals should be brought before the committee, which would deliberate and then make recommendations. At this point,

A motion was made by Ms. Barnett, seconded by Commissioner Allbert, that all proposals for land acquisition be brought before the committee for consideration. Motion passed unanimously.

In other business, members discussed obtaining public input from citizens in various areas of the county regarding park renovations (see attached information). Mr. Clark suggested including solicitation for feedback on the County web-site, adding that a portion of the public input could be web-based.

Discussion then turned to Rotary Park renovations. Mr. Bartee reminded committee members that local architects will not bid against each other for contracts. Commissioner Allbert reminded the committee that Brad Martin, of Lyle-Cook-Martin Architects, already has contributed a significant amount of work toward this project (including an up-front, in-kind donation of services valued at \$6,000), and suggested this firm would be a good choice for the renovation project. With little more discussion,

A motion was made by Commissioner Allbert, seconded by Ms. Barnett, to ask Mr. Martin to formally submit a proposal for renovation work at Rotary Park. Motion passed unanimously.

Finally, committee members asked about progress at Civitan Park. Mr. Gaither stated that contracts have been signed and survey work is in progress.

(Editor's note: For the record, Mike Harris, president of Woodlawn Little League, was inadvertently excluded from the "Others present" portion of the April 10, 2008, committee meeting minutes).

Adjournment

With no further business before the committees, the meeting was properly adjourned.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be determined.

Charlie Riggins, administrative assistant
Montgomery County Government

John Bartee, Chairman
County Conservation Board