

McDonald Creek Commission

Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2017

Present: Commissioners Harold Kargenian, Jan Fuller, Jon Kindseth, Rick Hartke, Cathy Brady; volunteer Nancy Lutton; Alderman Larry Rosenthal

I. OPENING ITEMS

Minutes of 6/27/17 meeting corrected, then approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Mission statement

With input from everyone, guidance from Alderman Rosenthal, and much discussion, we agreed on the following:

McDonald Creek Commission exists to improve and maintain the quality of the creek and its tributaries, and to educate and empower the community to appreciate the creek as an asset.

B/C. Goals and strategies

Educate and inform

- *City website*
- *City newsletter*
- *Pamphlets for personal distribution to creekside residents*

Address issues with water quality and water quantity (flooding / erosion / drainage infrastructure)

- *Clean-up days, in cooperation with Public Works*

Develop partnerships with neighboring communities

Monitor and collect data

Restore

Advocate

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation to City Council on mission, goals, strategic plans for 2017-18

Aiming for September or October at 2nd Monday City Council workshop meeting.

Give Ald. Rosenthal 10-days notice and he will put us on the agenda.

B. Clean-up days

None planned at this time. Previous creek committees successfully coordinated such clean-ups with Public Works. A new Public Works director was just hired. Jon K. will contact him to discuss cooperation between this Commission and the Public Works Department.

IV. ACTION ITEMS / ADJOURNMENT

City website content - Jon K. is experienced with Civics Plus and can get digital copies of Lake County Stormwater Management publications; he will coordinate with Peter Falcone on creating a page for McDonald Creek Commission.

City newsletter - Submission deadline for fall newsletter is Sept. 1. Our copy should include brief history of creek committees, our mission statement and goals, our meeting schedule and website page (if ready), and a photo. This submission can be the content for website Home page.

Distribution pamphlets -- The Stream Maintenance pamphlet provided by the City plus an update insert specific to McDonald Creek, with Commission contact information, was suggested.

Establish relationship with new Public Works director -- Jon K. will arrange a meeting

City Council presentation -- Jon K. will be our spokesperson

Adjourned 8 pm.

Next meeting 6 pm Tuesday, July 25, 2017