# Minutes of the Normandy City Council-Park Board Meeting Thursday, August 20, 2020 6:30 p.m.

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the City Council of the City of Normandy held a Council – Park Board meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 6:38 p.m. via ZOOM meeting.

### Roll Call

Upon roll call being taken, the following members were found present:

## Councilmembers

Councilperson Walter Moss - Absent
Councilperson Lelia Martin - Absent
Councilperson Lawanda Smith - Present
Councilperson Tony Evans - Present
Councilperson Maurice Hunt - Present
Councilperson Rick Nelson - Absent
Councilperson Kimberly Knox - Present
Councilperson Erma Ratlif - Present

### Park Board

Joan Havis-Fish — Absent Deanna Jones — **Present** Flora Stone — Absent Tom Merello - Absent Jane Reise - **Present** 

It was determined that a quorum is present.

Also in attendance Steve Garrett, City Attorney for Normandy and Pat Kelly, representing St. Louis County Municipal League and St. Louis County Parks Commission. Also, Mayor Kevin Quinlisk, Pasadena Hills and Marie Penkake, Grants Administrator, Pasadena Hills.

## DISCUSSION RE: FIRST RESPONDERS PARK

**Mayor Quinlisk** gave a quick overview of the grant that Normandy and Pasadena Hills went into joint project for the First Responder's Park. Asked for \$385,345 from the County Park Grant Commission. Received the grant of which \$205,000 was used for the purchase of the firehouse and property. Pasadena Hills paid for the demolition of the firehouse, which was \$77,000.

The demolition is completed, the property has been seeded and hay and grass is growing. We need to go back to the Commission for a reallocation of the remaining funds of Phase 1, of which we're looking at the retaining wall, 200 amp service panel, topographical survey, a new retaining wall and a backflow preventer.

Pat Kelly acknowledged that this was a joint project between Normandy and Pasadena Hills, with Mayor Green and Mayor Quinlisk. Phase 2 – Temporary utilities; Normandy would be responsible for maintenance. Final design, spray park, may change and need to work together for Phase 2. Confident on awarding the grant.

Mayor Hunt - \$50,000 - reallocation of funds for utilities?

**Mayor Quinlisk** – yes, also for retaining wall, 200 amp panel topographical survey, new retaining wall and backflow preventer.

**Mayor Hunt** – need survey that shows that most of this property is in the City of Normandy. **Pat Kelly** – for the Cities, it's a 5% match. You are 95% funded by the grant from the Parks Commission.

Mayor Hunt - Maintenance and repair of the park?

**Mayor Quinlisk** – ground maintenance only; Phase 2 application will have 50% each city responsible for repairs.

**Marie Penkake** – the money used for purchase was \$205,000 came from the Park Commission on the hardship clause, so that we didn't have to spend anything up front.

**Mayor Hunt** – Normandy Council has been blindsided by previous Mayor and Rodney. Don't know anything and not doing anything until we get full picture.

Mayor Quinlisk – accusing of no communication; Marie has been sending monthly reports to you.

Mayor Hunt - Negotiations for Phase 2

**Councilperson Smith** – our understanding on the property, being mosty in Pasadena Hills, was the other way around, given to us by Green and Rodney.

**Councilperson Knox** –miscommunications all around; Parks committee needs to be part of Phase 2 and I will be comfortable that our Park Board will be part of this project.

**Councilperson Ratlif** – agrees and needs survey to see how much of the property is in Normandy and Pasadena Hills. Needs to be all on the same page. Park Board needs to be included before moving forward.

**Deanna Jones, Park Board member** – definitely wants to have a say on the new park.

Mayor Hunt – wants to see how much is actually in Normandy.

**Marie Penkake** – Meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> with Park Commission, if interested, for the reallocation of Phase 1 funds, this is a joint effort. Will wait for Park Board for dates and will send all correspondence.

Rosso – can you get a boundary survey?

Steve Garrett - Legal description is in each City's code.

Mayor Hunt - I have a friend that could maybe help to get the boundaries for us.

**Terry Gannon** – surveys are not cheap. Just looked on County website and that is not always accurate either.

Maurice Hunt, Acting Mayor

Mayor Hunt wants a good outcome. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Sharon Warren, MRCC

City Clerk