

**Matthews Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resource Advisory Committee  
Wednesday, February 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes  
6:30pm, Matthews Community Center**

**Committee Members Present:** Howard Labiner, Ryan Maclatchie, Sandi Lee, Debbie Chopas, John Gatlin,  
Ryan Maclatchie Susan Chambers, Harvey Boyd

**Absent:** Scott Rossmeisl

**Staff Members Present:** Corey King, Melissa Johnson, Lee Anne Moore, Scott Rawls, Michelle Santucci

- **Call to Order:**
  - Meeting called to order at 6:38pm
- **Roll Call:** Albert Dickson, Gretchen Gaerther, Bob Fester, Tony Williamson, From the Windrow Neighborhood
- **Public Comment**
  - Mr. Dickson- It would be dangerous to make the bike lanes in the neighborhood (Windrow) making it a public recreational area. The streets are narrow with blind curves. He conducted a poll on NextDoor and 90% of respondents opposed to the adding of the bike lane on the streets. “The first rule of the government is to protect its citizens from danger and making the neighborhood a public recreational area would bring danger into the neighborhood, and that is the opposite what the government is supposed to do”.
  - Ms. Gaerther-Putting the bike paths on the roads in the neighborhood would be dangerous because there is so many cars parked and on the streets during swim meets and swim practice. It would bring added traffic into the neighborhood and the neighborhood kids already ride their bikes in the neighborhood. People would park on their streets, adding to the already crowded streets, and are going to use their trails that are just there for their neighborhood.
  - Mr. Fester-Mr. Fester is a bike rider and is not opposed to using the area for bike riding, people have been using the neighborhood for years there is just no need to direct more people to the neighborhood, and getting groups of people to park on the streets and making it more crowded.
  - Mr. Williamson-You can tell by the large attendance at the last meeting, more than what is at usual government meetings how much the people in the neighborhood do not want the bike lanes in the neighborhood. They do not want to take away from the tranquil feel of the neighborhood.

- **Division Reports**

- **Cross Walk Mural:** This is just to select an Artist for the crosswalk not to focus on the art examples themselves! Examples were shown to get an idea of the art style of the artists. It needs to be something colorful with high contrast to draw attention to the crosswalk. This is a temporary art installment as it gets worn it will need to get redone. Motion to work with artist Muriel Epling-Motion Seconded- Decision to work with artist Muriel Epling. Howard Labiner wants to have a motion to tell Muriel what one of her designs we like and want. Melissa Johnson expressed that we are not picking the final design as there are a lot of components that go into and discussions with public works and discussions about what type of paint, what colors would be best etc, before a design is picked. Howie Labiner Motion to move forward with the dogwood design as a starting point of the mural. – Motion seconded.
- **Greenway sewer Art:** A student reached out to Scott about doing a painting for a school project. There is no need to critique the art, just have to make sure it is not offensive and is family friendly. There are 3 locations available that have nothing on them and several locations that need to be re painted as they are now worn. The student would like to do it within the next 4 weeks. A motion to approve the art for one of the empty unpainted sewer-Motion seconded and approved.
- **Storm Damage:** There was no damage to any of the playground structures or shelters. There were many trees and limbs down. The park that was hit the worst was Matthews Sardis Park and it has been closed until the trees can be cleared. Public works are working to clear the parks and are working with a tree service to take care of other trees that look unsafe and might fall during a future storm.
- **Special Events:** The bands and food trucks have been picked for Foot Truck Friday. They are planning the hiding of the golden eggs around the town, no small eggs this year, and hints will but put on the Facebook page. Beach Fest May 8-9 has 8 spaces left. Novant is the title sponsor for the event as well as the other 2 big events. There is a great line up of bands. They are still working on the headliners for Matthews Alive. The ones that they originally wanted are not available so they are going to continue to work on that.

- **Directors Report**

- **Heritage Trail Update:** The Heritage trail is in progress, delayed due to rain. Fence post are up and look great. The Town received additional grant funding in the amount of \$56,000 to fund the Heritage Trail project. Trail plans will remain the same, the Town's contribution towards the project is reduced with the additional funding.
- **Roselind Cemetery:** No update on the construction on Monroe Road or the access point and fencing around the Cemetery.

- **Old Business**

- **Stevens Creek Subarea Study Draft Recommendations:** Focus of the study is examining how to get people across Idlewild Road and how to get people from Purser-Hulsey Park to Stevens Creek Nature Preserve. Project ideas are:
  - Idlewild Road side path
  - Idlewild Road Thompson Road intersection crossing improvements
  - Stalling Road side path
  - Phillips Road side path
  - Stalling intersection crossing improvements
  - Phillips Road Side Path
  - Mt Harmony Church Road Crossing improvements
  - Creekside Drive Connection
- Bike boulevard/advisory shoulders through the Windrow Neighborhood will be removed from the plan at this time. Motion to accept the plan with the changes of removing the bike paths through Windrow neighborhood-Seconded, Motion passed. Going to present this to the board on 2/25/2020.

- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM