

**Special Projects Committee**  
**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Via Teleconference (Zoom)**  
**Sky Valley, GA**

**MINUTES**

Those Present: Bruce Turner, Hollie Steil, Jim Curtis, Tony Allred, Teri Allred, Grace Guess, Lou MacNaughton, City Manager Fast and City Clerk Fleming

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Turner called the meeting to order.

The committee members have gathered suggestions from the community over the last two months and have compiled a priority list. The goal is to get these projects completed to make a strong first expression and most will require little to no funding. Some comments have been made regarding the dam on Sky Valley Way. This item is being referred back to the Mayoral Committee since they have been in communications with the owner, Harrison Merrill.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**1. Maintain walking path and associated park**

Steil stated that she had asked City Manager Fast about putting out some material under the swings and picnic table areas. Curtis stated that some of the issues could be taken care of rather quickly. The main center piece of the park is the pond behind the dam and there are major issues with it along with structural problems with the dam. The 2017 survey had quoted a price for dredging the pond of \$250,000. The dam repairs were not part of that survey. Erosion has begun and will only get worse until the dam is addressed.

**2. Install dog park (water, shade, bench)**

The point is finding a location for a dog park, stated Curtis. An estimated cost has been received for \$15,000, which would be a ceiling cap and hopefully actual cost would be considerably less.

**3. Enforce 911 address numbering for all SV residences**

Turner had stated that the 911 address numbering is required due to a Rabun County Ordinance. Residents can call the Rabun County Mapping Department at 706-782-7579 to have a sign make up and installed for around \$125.00, group rates may apply if several go in together. Uniformity would look aesthetically pleasing, stated Turner. Steil asked Turner to write up a blurb for the Sky Valley Times and suggested adding to utility bill. Curtis

suggested not issuing a certificate of occupancy until a 911 number is posted at the residency. Barbara Kobacker gave an example of what her Pleasant Mtn. Road neighbors had gotten together and completed regarding the signs.

**4. Front entrance lighting (low lighting GA night sky) to improve visibility**

New lighting is needed to help the visibility of the area. City Manager Fast is going to check with Georgia Power to see what is available.

**5. Clean mildew on all SV stone signs and add landscaping**

The entrance sign has been cleaned but the Mud Creek and 246 signs needs to be cleaned and landscaped. Steil stated that the Garden Club is celebrating their 30-year anniversary and they would like to contribute \$3,000 to a beautification program. She suggested that Turner get in contact with Cheryl Beckert to see if they would be interested in addressing the landscaping issues of these two areas.

**6. Install exit sign in confusing intersections in SV to aid our visitors coming and going**

Was not addressed at this meeting.

**7. Continue to clean garbage on streets and roads inside and leading to SV entrance, Bald Mtn. and 246**

Turner stated that this is an ongoing issue. Steil asked if his committee could schedule a couple of clean-up days, which he stated yes. City Manager Fast asked for a schedule of dates, when established, and she could give them safety vests to wear and send out notices.

**8. Stain the Overlook fence to cover graffiti and add attractive ground cover beneath the Fence. Add signage to discourage visitors for defacing public and private property**

City Manager Fast stated that she had some stain samples if a color could be selected. Turner asked about signage being put out along with a bear proof trash receptacle. City Manager Fast stated that she would get a cost of the receptacle and that her crew could put out pine straw under the fence. The bear proof receptacle will be researched.

**9. Work with Timeshare to clean-up basketball area, swings, horseshoe boxes, etc.**

Shelley Brown was asked to speak on behalf of the Timeshare Organization. She stated that these items are on the project list to be completed within the next six months. The playground will be addressed first, and repainting of maintenance building will come later. Turner stated that all will benefit from addressing the issues

**10. Paint the Timeshare building across from the dam**

Noted response on item nine.

**11. Add Electric Vehicle stations**

Turner stated that the Club along with the Timeshare Organization would probably benefit more than the City. Research and discussions will be conducted on this item. Steil had suggested getting feedback from Moody Barrick. Curtis thinks some spin offs could come

from installing them. This item will be further discussed.

**12. Identify "common" areas (ex. Area around the big rock on Ridgepole & LaBelle Circle) throughout SV and install landscaping**

Turner stated that he was going to contact Steve Rickman for landscaping ideas for these areas and to see if it could be turned into a community project.

Turner had read some questions that were typed in:

Rudy Masi had asked if anything has been continued since the Kudzu Eradication Committee had subsided. Also asked about the benches being looked at along the waterfall trail. City Manager Fast stated the material that was sprayed on the kudzu along 246 worked very well. She was asked if she could find out what they used. The benches will be assessed. Another question from Masi was concerning the quarantine period. Steil stated that the date given from the Governor, for ages 65 or older or with chronic illnesses, to shelter in place until through June the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Turner thanked everyone for their participation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM

Respectfully submitted:

  
Karen Fleming, City Clerk