

**MINUTES**  
**VILLAGE OF FLAT ROCK AGENDA WORKSHOP**  
**ASSEMBLY ROOM – VIA ZOOM**  
**AUGUST 31, 2020**  
**9:30 AM**

Mayor Weedman presided over the August 31, 2020, agenda meeting at 9:30 a.m. Those present in addition to Mayor Weedman were Vice Mayor Jamerson, Council Members Carpenter, Coletta, Dethero, Gooch, Posey, Village Clerk Parker and Village Administrator Christie.

**MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Weedman led the group in a moment of silent meditation. He then led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda**

A draft agenda for the September 10, 2020, council meeting was presented, and the following items were added: Under *New Business – Item #7 – Artwork in the Park Guidelines, Item #8 – Park Foundation reinstatement appointments, and Item #9 – Board Member term limits*. With no further changes, Mayor Weedman stated an agenda has been set.

**Discussions:**

**Pollinator Arbors** - Georgia Bonesteel mentioned she has been working with Will Garvey on this project. They are proposing construction of two large arbors at the existing Flat Rock Park pollinator garden entrance walkways, and the planting of vining/climbing plants on those arbors to attract and support pollinator insects and birds.

The project involves building two arbors supported by 10-foot-long #1 grade 6x6 pressure treated pine posts with 2x8x10 cross members at the front and back of each arbor. The sides and top will be made from heavy duty 5-inch galvanized mesh wire panels commonly known as “hog wire.” Support posts will be placed 18-24 inches into the ground and the post holes will be backfilled with concrete.

Vining/climbing plant species to be planted will be selected for their pollinator support attributes and may include those such as passionflower vine, pipevine and native honeysuckle.

The materials for the arbors will be acquired once Village Council approves the proposal, and construction will begin as soon as practical. Construction should be completed within two weeks depending on weather and availability of materials. Depending upon availability of plant materials, plantings would take place primarily in fall 2020 and spring 2021.

Acquisition of materials and construction of the arbor structure will be accomplished through Park volunteers. Plantings will be the responsibility of master gardeners currently responsible for the existing pollinator garden.

Planning costs are negligible due to volunteer support. Material costs are estimated to be \$750. Construction costs are negligible due to volunteer support. Cost of plant materials would be negligible since appropriate plants are currently available in the existing pollinator garden and additional plants can be acquired through donation. Mrs. Bonesteel stated all costs would be made through the Foundation by donation, and there would be no cost to the Village.

After discussions, Council Member Carpenter made a motion to accept the gift of the arbors and proceed forward with the installation, seconded by Council Member Coletta. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Council Member Dethero reported the kudzu spraying is complete with fourteen properties treated, and he is looking at grants for funding.

Council Member Posey mentioned Shred Day is scheduled for October 10, 2020, and she is awaiting to hear back from Triad about recruiting volunteers for the drug takeback program.

Council Member Carpenter mentioned the Park Commission has appointed Matt Toner - Chairman, Pam Tiles – Vice Chairman, John Wilkerson – Recording Secretary, and still needs a volunteer for Secretary. Chairman Toner will contact Sally Boyd to find out if she is interested in volunteering as Secretary on the Park Commission.

A Park Workshop meeting will be held after the regular Council meeting on October 8, 2020.

Tracey Daniels reported Yoga in the Park, a free yoga program offered through a partnership between UNC Pardee and YAM (Yoga and Massage) of Hendersonville, is going great. The program has over 60 participants rotating through it. Participants maintain social distancing and can register online. The Foundation is continuing to promote the Friends of the Park program, a giving society that launched in April, and encouraged everyone to join the program.

Council Member Coletta reported she met earlier in the month with Bill Lapsley, Henderson County Commissioner who oversees transportation, to discuss what the County is thinking and get a better understanding of the history of transportation in Henderson County.

Council Member Coletta reported the Village Hall was notified of tree debris on Little River Road east of Trenholm Road. She contacted the NCDOT local Henderson County Maintenance office who responded very quickly and have cleared the debris.

Mayor Weedman reported the 2020 real property tax statements were mailed August 27, 2020.

With no further discussions, Council Member Gooch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Carpenter. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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Michelle Parker, CMC  
Village Clerk

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Nick Weedman  
Mayor