Park Board Partnership Committee Minutes – Sept. 20, 2022 8:00 a.m.

Meeting convened at 8:05 a.m. In attendance: Kathy Paulsen (chair), Alvin Reid, Joseph Yancey. & Ellen Edman. Absent: Matt Cook Staff attendance: Kyle Henke

I. Citizen Comments – none

II. Approval of Oct. 29, 2021 minutes – were not approved, due to a lack of quorum of prior committee members. Kyle will discuss with City Clerk how to proceed with minutes approval.

III. Unfinished Business –

1. Alphonse Smith Memorial Update - Alvin Reid reported. The memorial will be installed on the South Side of Walker Lake in Kirkwood Park. The cost of the Memorial is $1400 and Alvin has been raising the funds. A date for the installation will be set for spring ’23.

IV. New Business –

1. Edward Spiller Sr. Memorial Application Review. An application to name Field #4 after Edward Spiller Sr. was provided to the committee. A sign no larger than 12” tall x 72” wide was proposed to be installed on the fencing of the backstop. The proponent would pay for the signage. Two letters of support were provided. The field has already been dedicated to Donny Myers around 1975-1976. Significant cumulative funding was provided to the Parks Department, with a cumulative total of $10,100 dating up to 1995.

The Committee worked through the rubric “Criteria for Naming Memorials in the Kirkwood Parks System”, and the point total was less than 50% of the possible points. Several concerns were discussed – including installation cost, control of signage specs, term, location and possible vandalism.

The application fell short in 2 primary categories – number of letters of recommendation & a need for further information about Edward Spillers Sr’. involvement in Kirkwood. The Committee agreed that Kyle Henke should contact the applicant and request that additional information be provided to the committee before any further discussion or approval.

1. Other matters – None

Meeting was adjourned at 8:59 a.m.