



Martha Baldwin Park Board Agenda  
Martha Baldwin Park  
Wednesday August 24, 2022  
9:00 AM

- I. Call to order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of the Minutes of:** June 16, 2022
- IV. Agenda Items-**
- V. Communications/Discussion Items**
  - 1. Park Review
  - 2. Sign Location
- VI. Discussion of Items Not On the Agenda**
- VII. Public Comment**
- VIII. Next Regular Meeting –TBD**
- IX. Adjournment**

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**Martha Baldwin Park Board Meeting Minutes  
June 16, 2022**

Robert Kenning, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 11:02 am at the Department of Public Services Conference room, 851 S. Eton

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Linda Forrester, Robert Kenning, Andrew Linovitz, Patrick Rock

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ADMINISTRATION:** Lauren Wood, Director of Public Services  
Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager  
Brendan McGaughey, Parks and Forestry Foreman  
Brooks Cowan, Senior Planner

It was moved by Linda Forrester, seconded by Patrick Rock that the minutes of the December 16,2021 meeting be approved as submitted.

**Ayes, 4** Linda Forrester, Robert Kenning, Andrew Linovitz, Patrick Rock  
**Nays, None**

**Agenda Item #1** –Marx Sculpture Donation for Untitled #1 and Untitled #2

Item presented by Planner Brooks Cowan, the City’s liaison to the Public Arts Board. Sue Marx, Birmingham resident has applied to donate two sculptures, Untitled #1 and Untitled #2 to the City.

The Public Arts Board has reviewed a number of different locations including Quarton Lake and the Chesterfield Fire Station, however the owner was not entirely favorable of such locations. Martha Baldwin Park has been a site for artwork in the past, one piece removed in 2019. DPS is amenable to this site for displaying artwork, in 2 open flower bed areas, one that held the recently removed Mark Di Suvero sculpture.

On May 15, 2022, the Public Art Board motioned to recommend approval of the two flower bed areas in Martha Baldwin for the locations of Untitled #1 and Untitled #2. The locations must be reviewed by the Martha Baldwin Park Board before going to City Commission for final approval.

Chairperson Kenning expressed concern over placing this artwork in Martha Baldwin Park, and he felt that such artwork may distract from the intent of the gifted park from Martha Baldwin. Mr. Kenning believes that the person, Martha Baldwin, should be recognized most importantly in the park and artwork will distract or take away from that recognition. Any artwork should be representative of the intent of Martha Baldwin.

The board discussed proper placement in the park and the art pieces. The Board determined that they will not have an opinion on the type of artwork, rather if artwork should be placed in the park, at the recommended locations.

It was moved by Rock, seconded by Linovitz to recommend approval of the two suggested locations in Martha Baldwin Park for the sculpture donations of Untitled #1 and Untitled #2.

**Ayes, Linda Forrester, Andrew Linovitz, Patrick Rock**

**Nayes, Robert Kenning**

**Communication/Discussion Item #1 – Park Review (verbal)**

Manager Laird reviewed the maintenance program that has been set up with an environmental contractor, Cardno for the maintenance of the bioswale/wet meadow garden/monarch waystation. Laird reviewed the monthly visit program which includes hand pulling weeds, spot treatment, debris removal, mulching and supplemental planting. The board hopes to see continued improvement of the natural area.

**Communication/Discussion Item #2 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Draft Interpretive Sign**

The Board provided feedback on the 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the Interpretive Sign that is to be installed at the bioswale/wet meadow garden. Placement of the sign is to be determined at the next meeting at the park.

The next meeting will be held on August 24, 2022 at 9:00am at Martha Baldwin Park.

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 pm.

Carrie Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager