

Meeting Minutes
Roberts Field Advisory Council

Meeting date: 6/8/2023

Place: virtual (Microsoft Teams)

Committee attendees: Marcus Bush, Elisabeth Bobrow, Bill Askenburg

Other attendees: Barry Jefferson, Julia O'Brien

Next meeting target: August 2023

- I. Call to order, notification of recording
- II. Approval of previous meeting minutes from 4/13 not possible (not yet completed)
- III. **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:** Julia O'Brien interested in officially joining the committee, will follow-up with town hall for next steps
- IV. **SEATING & TREE LOCATIONS:** Bill shared concerns that DPW has with park vandalism (suspected to be middle school-aged children). Security cameras to be installed soon (likely in the Fall). Will need to consider camera view when selecting new tree locations. Further discussion occurred: new placement of new green metal benches, granite block benches, and trees. Maintaining the safety of high-flow foot traffic and tree root areas is a priority to committee members. A tentative placement plan was agreed upon, which will need to be approved by DPW.
- V. **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:** A RFAC member will need to join the Friends of Roberts Field to help manage the fund allocation component of the new seating and tree installation project. Bill provided details re: role and responsibilities.
 - I. **GRANT STATUS:** No official update.
 - II. **FIELD USAGE:** Baseball games have taken place. The fields are full of clover, which Marcus expects will dissipate as the season shifts to summer.
 - III. **JUNIE'S PLACE:** Bill encouraged members to reach out to any local businesses, etc. to solicit donations. Bill has a list of business that have already been approached, RFAC members can email him to inquire about whether a company they wish to seek donations from has already been asked. RFAC members expressed gratitude re: Bill's strong advocacy for this important project.
 - IV. **FUTURE PLANS:** A new meeting will be held once DPW reviews new seating/tree placement plan.
 - V. **Meeting adjourned**