

Birge Fountain Committee  
Minutes, April 7, 2010  
White Memorial Building – Downstairs

Board members present: Chuck Nass (Public Works representative), Linda Loomer (Landmarks Appointee), Rod Dalee, and Alan Luckett.  
Also in attendance: Roy Nosek (past committee member), Matt Amundson (Park & Recreation Director), and James Allen (past committee member).

Meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m.

Minutes from March 11, 2009 were approved. Motion to approve was made by Alan Luckett, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda Loomer. All were in favor.

Linda Loomer nominated Alan Luckett as secretary. Rod Dalee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.

Linda Loomer nominated Rod Dalee as Chair. Alan Luckett 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.  
Alan Luckett nominated Linda Loomer as Vice Chair. Rod Dalee 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All were in favor.

Matt Amundson presented park signs as presented by the Park Board. The Birge Committee commented on the several signs already on site. There was a concern with vandalism to an additional sign on site. Matt commented that a sign may help with making more people aware of the park. The committee mentioned that the park was named Flat Iron Park.

The committee decided to restore the original plaques instead of signage. The original signs were damaged and needed to be recast.

Roy Nosek asked to have the basin fixed at the same time as the recasting. The committee will pursue these issues and enlist the help of the metal shop at UW-Whitewater.

There was no financial report. Key's for the safety deposit box are in the hands of Russ Fero (not present) and Rod Dalee.

Chuck Nass reported that the fountain is running. His staff member that handles the fountain is recovering from back surgery which he had in the previous week.

Rod Dalee was concerned about the basin and concrete leeching into the water causing pump problems. He wanted it to be repainted with the proper paint to prevent this problem. He also wanted to donate a better filter for the fountain to remove the chlorine which causes oxidization. Rod said he would consult with a chemist that he works with. He wanted to continue with the softener.

Roy Nosek requested that daily maintenance be done on the fountain. Trash pick-up and clearing the nozzles would be the regular maintenance. He also asked that it be repainted.

Alan Luckett reported that Bruce Parker wanted the committee to consider changing the lights to a more energy efficient light source. Alan will pursue this with Don Jones who is in charge of lighting installation. The committee was concerned that LED lights may be too sharp.

Jim Allen requested that the fountain basin be painted with a color recommendation from the Arts Alliance.

Linda Loomer requested that the original maid of the mist be safely stored until it is restored and displayed. Chuck will store it at his office for the time being. Linda will check with the landmarks and historical society regarding display and restoration of the fountain.

Regarding expenses Rod Dalee donates the salt for the fountain. City Public Works takes care of other costs and maintenance. Jim Allen stated by Charter Ordinance the money in the Birge Fountain fund is for restoration only.

Next meeting was scheduled for Fall 2010.

Motion to adjourn was made at 4:25 p.m. by Linda and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan. All were in favor.

R. Alan Luckett, Secretary