

**Bayshore Gardens Park & Recreation District**  
**Long Term Planning Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday; December 02, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Long Term Planning Committee Chair Skip Wilhoit

**In Attending:** Skip Wilhoit, Sharon Denson, Mary Lou Smith, Penny Walding, and Jane King

Quorum established.

1. Skip began the meeting by discussing the need to replace the large Ficus tree and the space that it occupied. He first asked if anyone had any other thoughts besides a type of pavilion or gazebo. The committee agreed that the space itself should likely be replaced by such a structure to uphold the functionality of the tree for serving as a favored spot for weddings and other gatherings. It was also mentioned that planting another tree in honor of the one we lost or even a garden might be an appropriate idea.
2. It was unanimously agreed that we should replace the space with some type of event or gathering structure. Skip then showed the Committee several pictures of different structures to help form various categories. They were 1) Mid-century modern (to match the style of our community and existing picnic pavilions); 2) Tiki or Chickee Hut; 3) Traditional octagonal gazebo, and 4) A modern steel and wood type gazebo; 5) An “Indian hut” style that was passed along by Vice-Chair Howell (via Gia). Each Committee member offered their thoughts on the designs and decided they represented a solid group to choose from. The Committee also decided the replanting of a large shade tree species would be a good idea as well. However, a “memorial” garden represented too much upkeep.
3. The conversation then centered on obtaining resident feedback for each of the style designs and any other ideas they may have for that space. It was decided that a survey would be created - much like the community survey conducted last year - to obtain that information. Skip agreed to build the survey and have a working link sent to the Committee within a week.
4. Sharon and Mary Lou brought up the limited number of households we might reach with such a survey. After some discussion, Penny suggested we build our district email list through the use of postcards sent to each address. Jane seconded the idea and the Committee agreed on building out the email list for both now and for future purposes, such as notifying residents of special events or future surveys. Penny also suggested we place a sign with the survey link and a QR code on it down by where the tree used to stand. Skip agreed to design the postcards and create the sign for the tree area, once the survey was completed and approved by the committee. Since the survey is intended to only inform the committee’s recommendation to the Board, it is not something that needs Board approval.
5. The Committee then discussed the dissemination of the proposed postcards. Penny mentioned direct mailing through the USPS, while Mary Lou and Sharon mentioned a business, they previously received quotes from. Each party volunteered to investigate the costs further and forward them to Skip.
6. The Committee then discussed the priority for this project. It was unanimously agreed that it should become the priority (along with the entire park restoration), supplanting the heating and cooling of the pool. The Committee agreed that after what will be a year and a half of the pool being closed, plus the enormous cost of the project, the two priorities need to be swapped.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10 PM.