



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2024

The Centre at University Park

Attendance: Ben France, James Ferstl, Cannon Fletcher, Linda Smith, Mike Bernardo, Ron Bara, Summer Campbell, Chemia Woods, Quinten Whiteside

Absent: Samuel Ellis, Quincy Grant, City Director-Andrea Lewis

City Board of Director Liaison: City Director-Capi Peck

LRPR Staff:

Parks Director-Leland Couch, Deputy Director Operations-Justin Dorsey, City Attorney-Beth Carpenter, Safety and Training Coordinator-Courtney Perry, Facility Recreation Supervisor-Susie Matheny, Parks Marketing and Social Media Coordinator-Brittany Nichols, Administrative Assistant Parks Director-Mahogany Burkhalter

Welcome: Chairman France: Welcomed everyone.

Roll Call: Roll call completed. Nine (9) Commissioners in attendance out of Eleven (11) Commissioners in attendance. A Quorum was established.

Approval of Minutes: Meeting Minutes labeled for incorrect month. Vice Chairman J.T. Ferstl made a motion for approval of the minutes as amended. 2nd by Commissioner Mike Bernardo. Agenda listed with incorrect month. Vice Chairman J.T. Ferstl made a motion for approval of the minutes as Doubly amended. 2nd by Commissioner Mike Bernardo. Vice Chairman J.T. Ferstl made a motion for approval of the minutes. Motion 2nd by Commissioner Mike Bernardo. Minutes Approved.

Citizen Communication: No Citizen Communication.

Director Presentation: Director's Report: Discussed projects being presented to the Board of Directors. Tri Creek Greenway project. Project was approved. Rebsamen Tennis Center Court Resurfacing Project. In the process of being approved. Parks Director explained the process of the Agenda Board of Director Meeting and a Regular Board of Directors Meeting. Director explained that the Parks department has been working on Tri Creeks project for three (3) years. The department is now in acquisition process of the land. Designed by McClellan Engineering. Question about Rebsamen. Pro-Track & Tennis Inc listed as the vendor Request Vendor input going forward. Upcoming Bid Projects discussed. Staff Reports: Discussed upcoming Bid for Stephens and the bid process. Discussed Jim Dailey Center and progress on the pool. Bond projects for playgrounds for Boyle Park, Pankey Park, and Kiwanis Park projects



to be completed in 2 months. Events: Marketing Coordinator reviewed Eclipse events. Upcoming Events: Picnic in the Park at Hindman Park, Monday night mountain bike rides, Wednesday Night Road bike rides, walks in the Parks at Noon, Adult Softball is starting soon. Registration is open for the following. Youth soccer, baseball, T-Ball, Junior hoops, Men's basketball, lifeguard certification training, Summer Laureate program, MacArthur Park 5k, Therapeutic Recreation Arts Festival, and Impact the Rock. Inquiry about Lifeguard training and low turnout.

Presentations: No Presentations. Request to hear a Presentation from the Trails Coordinator. Will move presentation request to August, September.

Unfinished Business

New Agenda Format: Asked for Feedback about New format. Request that Commission gets update about items that will be presented at Board of Director's meeting. City Director Peck advised that Agendas are posted publicly, Friday before the Tuesday meeting.

New Business

Subcommittees discussed. Reviewed Subcommittee section of the Bylaws. Discussed removal of committees that are no longer needed. Will table to next month what the committees will be.

Discussion of the removal of the Social Media Subcommittee.

Discussion about the Summer Playground programs and the need for funding for more programs.

Requests for Deputy Director Shawanda Craig, Summer Program Presentation. New Summer Camp at West Central Community Center coming. West Central being used as a test site for summer program overhaul.

Commission Meeting date conflicts. The months of May and October discussed.

Motion for moving May 8 meeting to May 9th. Commissioner Smith made Motion. 2nd by Cannon Fletcher, Motion carried.

Motion for moving October 9th to October 16th. Commissioner Bernardo made motion. 2nd by Linda Smith, Motion carried.

New Items for Next Meeting:

Subcommittees will give overview at next meeting with a 5 min limit. Linda Smith, Brittany Nichols, & Leland Couch will speak. There will be a discussion about what committees to keep or remove. Request from Commission for Deputy Director, Shawanda Craig to give a presentation about Summer Programs.



Board Liaison Feedback

Director Peck discussed budget and when to submit budget suggestions. Sales Tax is most important. Large portions will go to Parks. Encourage the Commission to focus on Sales Tax and community engagement. Director Couch will present it to the Commission once Final plan is received from the Mayor. Reservoir Park is on hold until Sales Tax.

Request for Parks Commission to think about what goals wanted to accomplish this year.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:10 pm