



Parks & Recreation Minutes

April 21, 2021

5:30pm

Virtual

Present

Chris Morrison, Jennifer Adams, Michael Perelman, Kelly Price, Brian Furey

Absent

Frank Baker, Drew Nasrallah

Meeting called to order Consent Agenda

Approval Minutes- February 17, 2021

Motion made by Michael Perelman to approve consent agenda; seconded by Jennifer Adams. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Updates

A. Mead Gardens Virtual Tour

Jason gave a brief overview of the operation of Mead Botanical Gardens, and the City's partnership with Mead Botanical Garden Inc. Projected capital projects include outdoor lighting, parking lot improvements, pathway improvements (ADA compliant and accessible, Azalea Lodge addition to replace the exterior current changing rooms. Board members would like to see a more realistic timeframe and sequence of the projected projects.

B. Staff Updates

- **Project Update**

Jason provided spreadsheet of capital and major project status. Some of the projects that have been recently completed are Cady way tennis courts, and Pickleball courts, Phelps Playground. Staff will pull Mead Garden projects out into a separate spreadsheet for the projects over there. The board suggests that staff investigate about private funding to upgrade and utilize the funds that were already spent for the park.

- **Recreation Update**

Phelps Playground Remodel, Pickle ball courts, Easter 2021, Summer Camp, and Golf Week.

- **Landscaping & Park Maintenance Update**

Tentative Ribbon Cutting for the Event Center will be December 10th. Spring flowers being planted in central park and on Park Ave in preparation for the Spring Art Festival.

- **Board Appointments**

New Board members will be appointed at the next Commission Meeting

- **Golf Advisory Board**

Golf Board has dissolved, the current/former chair is working with staff to provide a Golf Course summary sheet, with the accomplishments of that board.

- **Farmers' Market Vendor & Guest Survey**

In May surveys will be going out to vendors and customers about the current locations

Citizen Comments

Christine Williams, 1570 Woodland Ave addressed the board regarding the Phelps Park being able to accommodate children five years or older. The board suggest that staff investigate and coordinate with the residents to inquire about private funding to upgrade and utilize the funds that were already used to replace the piece of equipment, for something geared towards the 5-12 age group of children.

Terry Bryant, 1831 Windsor Dr. inquired about the MLK Playground parking lot on Denning Dr., the plans to finish the parking lot.

Action Items

Board Comments

Mr. Perelman inquired Sustainability goals status; staff is working to get a more realistic number of total green space. staff is working on re categorizing what is considered a "park" matrix. Updated progress on the current rules and standards, Cathleen and Michael will work. Kraft Azalea Gardens "dock" seating has been removed

Jennifer Adams inquired about a joint brainstorming session with Sustainability. Also, to discuss with connectivity and greenway.

Adjourn

Motion made by Chris Morrison to adjourn the meeting at 7:08pm; seconded by Brian Furey. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting scheduled for May 19, 2021 at 5:30pm

Kesha Thompson

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Recording Secretary