

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

APRIL 4, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Will Harbauer. Committee members present were Will Harbauer, Damon Gorcz, Dustin Decker, Lindsay Buker, Todd France, Susan Edinger, Shannon Solt, and Allison Westmeyer (8). Christopher Patrick, Aaron Findling, and Caleb Christen were absent. Also present were Chairperson of the Recreation Committee, Jonathan Smith, Director of Public Service, Rob Ross, and Operations Manager of the Department of Public Service, Greg Kuhr.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Harbauer made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2021 PRAC meeting. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Serving for PRAC during the year of 2022 is as follows:

- ✓ Chair: Will Harbauer
- ✓ Vice-Chair: Aaron Findling
- ✓ Secretary: Susan Edinger

Mr. Harbauer made a motion to approve the election of officers. Seconded by Mr. Decker. Ayes: Harbauer, Gorcz, Decker, Buker, France, Edinger, Solt, Westmeyer (8). Nays: (0).

PARK REPORTS

Bicentennial – Mr. France reported:

- ✓ New swings look good
- ✓ The older kids' swings do not have much shoulder room and hang crooked
- ✓ There are low spots along the walking path
- ✓ Keyed lock is missing on one of the garbage cans

Milestone – Mr. Harbauer reported:

- ✓ Looks great
- ✓ Wanted to know how long the “orange man” would be there

Riverside – Mr. Harbauer reported:

- ✓ Everything looks great down there
- ✓ Kept in very good shape

Eisenhower – Ms. Buker reported:

- ✓ Mr. Freeze is open, so the park is busier again
- ✓ Caterpillar and teeter totter still need paint
- ✓ Rubber is worn out on these

- ✓ There are muddy low patches in the grass by the picnic tables

Three Meadows – Ms. Westmeyer reported:

- ✓ Some of the sidewalks are crooked and uneven, especially for bicycles
- ✓ There is a lot of trash in the Creek
- ✓ The playground is in good shape

Woodlands:

- ✓ Mr. Gorcz will begin reporting on this next month, first meeting

Rotary:

- ✓ Assigned to Mr. Christen, not present

Rivercrest:

- ✓ Mr. Decker will begin reporting on this next month, first meeting

Orleans:

- ✓ Ms. Edinger will begin reporting on this next month, first meeting

Municipal:

- ✓ Assigned to Mr. Patrick, not present

Hood:

- ✓ Assigned to Mr. Findling, not present

Davis Overlook:

- ✓ Ms. Solt will begin reporting on this next month, first meeting

REVIEW OF RECREATION COMMITTEE – Mr. Smith reported:

- ✓ ARPA funds and the new McKinley Woods park area
- ✓ All-inclusive playground at Woodlands
- ✓ Rotary pickleball courts
- ✓ LED street lights being added along multiuse path
- ✓ Pool contract being extended longer but running into the issues of usage being down and staffing for lifeguards
- ✓ Mr. France mentioned having crosswalks at busy intersections
- ✓ Mr. Smith answered that it would fall under the Safety Committee
- ✓ The possibility of a dog park at Orleans
- ✓ Mr. Gorcz suggested a bounce back wall at one or some of the parks, allowing kids to practice by themselves
- ✓ The new kayak launch
- ✓ Multiuse path technically falls under the Service Committee

- ✓ Bringing park parking lots up to code
- ✓ Mr. France is hopeful that the lines of communication will improve and requested Mr. Smith to send things to PRAC, even if they are not improved

REVIEW OF BYLAWS AND MUNICIPAL CODE (CHAPTER 280)

- ✓ Some members were curious why they do not meet December through March for PRAC
- ✓ They were wondering if it is because not as much happens at the parks in those months
- ✓ Mr. France wanted to know if PRAC could meet outside at different parks
- ✓ It was determined that with Sunshine Law requirements and needing to record everything appropriately, that PRAC should continue meeting in City Council Chambers
- ✓ Mr. Harbauer stated that as Chair of PRAC, he will pass communications along from Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator, to the rest of the Committee
- ✓ According to City Code, there should be an annual report from PRAC

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS FROM MEETING

The main action item from this meeting is for the PRAC members to give any and all ideas or feedback that they have to Mr. Smith.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Pantorno
Recording Secretary

Next meeting: Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00pm in City Council Chambers