



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, November 15, 2018
7:00 PM

Regular

ARC Meeting Room,
1701 W Ash

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 5 - Marin Blevins, Sue Davis, Meredith Donaldson, Ted Farnen and Linda Hutton

Excused: 2 - Daniel Devine and Chad Henry

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on a motion by Farnen, seconded by Donaldson.
Motion passed 5-0.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved on a motion by Donaldson, seconded by Hutton.
Motion passed
5-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORT

Park Services Manager Gabe Huffington shared the following highlights from the ranger's report: warnings were issued for removal of plants, hot air balloon without permit, drone and not wearing a helmet at the Skate Park. Recreation Services Manager Erika Coffman shared these highlights: total rounds of golf increased by about 1,000 from October 2017, financial assistance increased from October 2017, the Not So Frightening Friday event had about 2,000 visitors and Columbia Swim Club participation increased.

The monthly report was approved on a motion by Farnen, seconded by Davis.
Motion passed 5-0.

V. INTRODUCTIONS

Park Ranger Rosanna Johnson introduced new Park Ranger Herzog Whatley to the Commission. Whatley is training with the Columbia Police Department and is expected to complete that and come on full-time as Ranger over the winter.

Whatley told the Commission about himself and his background with the military and law enforcement. As part of his ongoing duties with the Army Reserves, Whatley will have to be away a weekend per month, Johnson said. Ranger scheduling will revolve around that.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

MPRA Conference

The statewide conference will be held in Branson from Feb. 26-March 1. If anyone is interested in attending, they need to let Miller know. She will send the link to the Conference and follow up.

Rezoning - Westbury Village

Huffington shared slides describing the rezoning, which is 45-acre tract located between Scott Boulevard and Stone Valley Parkway near Louisville Park. It would be rezoned to PUD with revised statement of intent.

Donaldson asked about runoff?

Huffington said there would be no effects.

Davis made a motion, seconded by Hutton, that the Commission sees no adverse effect to the park from the proposed rezoning. Motion passed, 5-0.

Rezoning - McBaine along MKT Trail

This rezoning is an annexation of the City's water treatment plant and adjacent parcels. It's near the MKT Trail and is about 511 acres.

Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Davis, that the Commission sees no adverse effect to the trail from the proposed rezoning and annexation. Motion passed 5-0.

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VIII. REPORTS

Council Items

Griggs offered these updates from City Council:

A public hearing is scheduled for Nov. 19 for Lions-Stephens Park improvements. Also on the agenda are Cosmo-Bethel Park shelter replacement and Stephens Lake Park spraygrounds UV replacement. Oakwood Hills Park improvements will be introduced on Nov. 19 and cross-country course agreement will be introduced on Dec. 17 and up for approval on Jan. 7.

Farnen asked if Commission action is needed for the cross country course?

Griggs said it is not. It's a straightforward agreement between the City and University.

Blevins asked about potential future SEC championships at the course?

Huffington said that will be a possibility in 2021. The end goal is a potential NCAA Championship at the course.

Farnen asked if there was any further controversy surrounding Lions-Stephens Park improvements?

Huffington said it is hard to reach consensus but staff does not anticipate anyone coming forward to speak against it.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission Report

There is no report this month, the meeting will be Nov. 21.

Capital Project Report

Huffington shared these updates:

CARE office remodel: office was reconfigured to create additional work space.

Operation Clean Streets: City staff worked on projects including honeysuckle abatement at Lions Stephens Park.

Clary-Shy / Ag Park- work continues on the new ag park.

Cosmo Park: work coming to completion on bocce courts.

Gans Creek Recreation Area: work continues on cross country course.

Norma Sutherland Smith Park: loop trail under construction.

Sports Fieldhouse: walls starting to be erected.

Albert-Oakland: pickleball shelter constructed.

Recreation Services Report

Coffman shared these updates and photos:

Not So Frightening Friday: District's Halloween event, Gentry office participated, had about 2,000 kids.

Adult Sports: fall softball and kickball ended, basketball and volleyball about to start.

Adapted Sports: bowling and weightlifting about to start.

Aquatics: swim lessons being held at Hickman on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Halloween Costume Party: recently held at Hillcrest

Tappercise: life enrichment class at Hillcrest.

Fencing: longtime class held at Hillcrest.

50+: recent tram tour held at Katy.

Silver and Gold: group recently took Amtrak trip to Washington, Mo.

Hands on Clay for Kids: class held at the Armory.

CARE job readiness classes: free classes held at Armory for 6th-12th graders.

Upcoming events: Toys for Columbia Youth toy drive, Homeless Youth Awareness Month Dodgeball Tournament, Stonegrinder 7K Trail Run, City Kwanzaa, Lights and Sights Tour and Central Columbia holiday party.

IX. STAFF COMMENTS

Griggs reminded the Commission that they typically do not meet in December, unless there is pressing business. The Commission agreed to next meet in January.

Griggs mentioned the CoMo Gives kick-off event coming up on Nov. 27 at Walt's Bike Shop with artist David Spear.

Farnen asked if those funds raised that night would be applied to the CoMo Gives campaign?

Griggs confirmed that they would.

X. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Farnen commented about the news of annexation of Rock Bridge Elementary School to the city and that school officials had made a statement about Parks and Recreation being an advantage.

Huffington said that now the school is within city limits, it would be eligible for Park Sales Tax funds to improve their playground.

Farnen asked about the recent state cross country meet?

Griggs said that several staff had attended and made observations of logistics and operations.

Coffman and Huffington both said it was beneficial to attend. Typically, there are about 170 staff and volunteers for the event. It is difficult to compare the two meets because the Jefferson City course is different than Columbia's will be.

Davis complimented staff on repairing potholes at Stephens Lake Park. She asked about the Bird scooters?

Griggs said it's on the Council agenda for Nov. 19 to possibly approve an agreement with Bird based on \$1 per scooter per day. They will be banned on trails.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XII. NEXT MEETING DATE: Jan. 17, 2019

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by: Tammy Miller

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