

DRAFT (Partial)

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Thursday, October 20, 2016, 7 p.m.
ARC, 1701 W. Ash

MINUTES

Commission Present: Marin Blevins, Sue Davis, Dan Devine, Linda Hutton, Ted Farnen, Chad Henry

Commission Absent (excused): Meredith Donaldson

Staff Present: Mike Griggs, Gabe Huffington, Erika Coffman, Tammy Miller

Call to order: Blevins called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Agenda: The agenda was approved on a motion by Farnen, seconded by Davis, 6-0.

Minutes: The minutes were approved on a motion by Farnen, seconded by Hutton, 6-0.

Monthly Report: Recreation division highlights include increased revenue in both personal training at the ARC and Camp Como Kidz summer camp. There has been increased attendance at Family Fun Fests and the movies, and the ARC has seen increased memberships from this time last year.

Park Services highlights include converting ARC lighting to LED bulbs, irrigation and landscaping installation on the new Business Loop roundabouts and completion of 48 hours of logjam removal on the MKT Trail.

Blevins asked if some ARC members who had left for other facilities had returned?

Griggs said that yes, some had, but with some young single professionals who just want to work out, they may choose a facility without a pool or track.

Devine asked about the rangers responding to zero percent of police calls?

Huffington said the police wanted the rangers to go through additional training. Details are being worked out.

The monthly report was approved on a motion by Davis, seconded by Farnen, 6-0.

Chapter 17 Ordinance Proposed Revisions

Paper copies of proposed revisions were distributed to Commissioners at the September meeting. Griggs made a brief presentation highlighting some of the proposed revisions to the Parks and Recreation ordinance.

The ordinance revisions include definitions and usage of drones, electric bicycles, motorboats and the use of mobility aids on trails and public spaces. Griggs reviewed these changes and additions. Namely, drones must follow Federal Aviation Administration guidelines and must not be flown over groups of people, which means that they could not be used at park events.

With e-bikes, the ordinance names specific trails where they can be used. Griggs said the Bike and Pedestrian Commission had suggested that instead of naming specific trails, that the trail usage be defined by the size of the trail. However, Parks and Recreation staff feel that may be confusing to the public; it would be more clear to name the trails.

Farnen said that maybe language could be added, indicating any trail as designated by the director would be covered by the e-bike regulations. This could cover future trails and add some flexibility so the ordinance doesn't have to be constantly changed.

Griggs agreed, and said he had mentioned that to the City's Legal Department, but they felt that type of language would open the ordinance up to interpretation. He said new trails aren't added too often, so hopefully it would not be a long process to add specific trails to the list. Griggs added that one possibility is that once a trail is approved to be constructed, it could be added to the e-bike list at that time.

Other revisions to the Chapter 17 ordinance include clarifying language regarding camping, metal detectors and sexual conduct in a park.

Farnen mentioned a technicality on the title of Section 17-111. He said removing the words appropriate clothing would more accurately represent the section.

Griggs said he thought that Legal would have no problem with that.

Farnen asked if the term unlawful was used to authorize the Park Ranger to issue citations?

Huffington answered yes, that allows them to respond appropriately.

Farnen asked about how fireworks were handled?

Griggs said other portions of the City's ordinance cover those.

Hutton asked if guns were allowed in parks?

Griggs said, yes they can't be displayed, but there is conceal and carry.

Farnen made a motion, seconded by Hutton, that the Commission recommends to Council approval of the proposed changes, with consideration of eliminating the words "appropriate clothing" from the title of Section 17-111. Motion passed, 6-0.