



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Commission

Thursday, September 19, 2019

7:00 PM

Regular

ARC Meeting Room

1701 W Ash

I. CALL TO ORDER

Present: 4 - Sue Davis, Daniel Devine, Meredith Donaldson and Ted Farnen

Excused: 3 - Marin Blevins, Chad Henry and Brendon Steenbergen

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved on a motion by Farnen, seconded by Davis. Motion passed 4-0.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved on a motion by Donaldson, seconded by Davis. Motion passed 4-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORT

Director Mike Griggs shared these highlights. From the Park Services division, park maintenance spent 213 hours mulching playgrounds; horticulture spent 135 hours grading, seeding and placing straw at Gans, Lions-Stephens, and Smith Park; and forestry spent 99 hours getting Rainbow Softball Center ready for a big national tournament. From the Recreation Services division, there were increases in total participations at Douglass Family Aquatic Center, total special event participation as well as the hosting of the Class D Coed USA Softball National Tournament. Devine asked if there would be an impact on the Park Ranger position from medical marijuana passing?

Griggs said that the rangers are actually going to be supervised under the police department so they can keep their commission and remain post certified. Their duties would not change. He described how the situation would work.

Devine asked several questions about the Rangers portion of the monthly report, namely warnings for parking on the grass at Douglass Park and trespass at Stephens.

Griggs said the high number at Douglass was due to the Black and White Ball.

Davis asked about Citadel Security?

Griggs said they would be active through the end of September.

The monthly report was approved on a motion by Farnen, seconded by Donaldson. Motion passed 4-0.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Budget update

Griggs informed the Commission that the Council considered the alternate list of budget cuts at their work session. However, the Mayor requested a 50 percent compromise, with half of the cuts coming from CARE and the other half from the alternate list. Half of the CARE cuts were restored through a transfer from Utilities who will now utilize 30 CARE trainees. The CARE trainee's rate of pay was also adjusted to \$9 per hour, rather than \$9.45 per hour. Griggs said that Columbia Public Schools stepped up to donate \$50,000 from their summer school program to CARE as well.

Farnen commented he was very pleased about the CPS contribution but wondered if that would be continued in future years.

Donaldson asked about the Gallery?

Griggs said that program remained cut.

VI. NEW BUSINESS*Missouri Dept. of Conservation CAP funding*

A new agreement is in place with MDC that includes funding for Norma Sutherland Smith Park fishing improvements and Vineyards Park development in FY2021.

Farnen made a motion, seconded by Donaldson, that the Commission endorse the CAP agreement with MDC. Motion passed, 4-0.

ARC improvements

Griggs requested Commission support for ARC improvements that would cost about \$40,000. These improvements include replacement of the pool heater, HVAC condensers and fire control panel. Donaldson made a motion, seconded by Davis, that the Commission endorse the ARC improvements. Motion passed, 4-0.

Albert-Oakland improvements

Griggs also requested Commission support for Albert-Oakland Park improvements that would also cost about \$40,000. These include LED parking lot lighting conversion and partial replace of the park trail fitness equipment. Davis made a motion, seconded by Farnen, that the Commission endorse the Albert-Oakland Park improvements. Motion passed, 4-0.

VII. REPORTS

Council Items

Griggs said this had already been covered on the agenda.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Commission Report

There was no September meeting.

Capital Project Report

Griggs shared these updates:

MU Health Care Pavilion: winter curtains have been installed.

Cosmo Park tennis courts: four courts have been resurfaced, the other four will be completed next year.

Emergency phone replacement: new phones installed at Stephens Lake Park beach and Flat Branch Park.

RTP Trail signage: more signage installed.

Gans Creek Recreation Area: crews and staff have been working on completing cross country course by dedication on Sept. 27 and Gans Creek Classic on Sept. 28. Work includes sod installation, completion of roundabout, timing tower construction, flag pole installation, walkway completion and parking lot striping.

Forum Nature Area: Invasive Callery pears removed.

Sports Fieldhouse: Construction continues including grading and rock, offices, workroom areas, lighting and window installation, gym equipment and handrail installation, HVAC installation and restroom construction.

Recreation Services Report

Griggs shared these updates:

Kaleidospoke: about 450 riders participated.

Glow Golf: held at Lake of the Woods.

Fall swimming lessons: lessons at ARC recently began.

Pooch Plunge: largest one ever with 146 dogs.

Softball Tournament: national tournament held at Rainbow Softball Center.

Life Enrichment: Koryo Gumdo and Tappercise ongoing classes at Hillcrest Community Center.

Adapted: classes held at Paquin, monthly dances held at the ARC.

Movies in the Park: last movie of the year had more than 500 in attendance.

Amphitheater Concert Series: Darkroom Records with CPS high school students put on last concert of 2019.

Upcoming Special events: Heritage Festival, Gans cross country dedication, Gans Creek Classic, Sensory-friendly Touch-a-Truck and Bear Creek Run Half Marathon.

VIII. STAFF COMMENTS

The dedication of the Sports Fieldhouse will be Nov. 14.

IX. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Davis asked if it would be alright if she contacted the Department of Conservation to find out what the winter plan is for the ducks at Stephens Lake Park.

Griggs said she was welcome to do that.

Farnen said he had attended the second interested parties meeting for Magnolia Falls Park. He said that Mike Snyder and the Public Works representative did a good job. Farnen said it seemed that the concerns expressed at the first meeting were addressed at the second meeting. He is pleased with the process.

Griggs said it was important that residents know that the initial plan is not necessarily the finished product, that it starts the discussion. He said that Magnolia Falls will likely be on the October meeting agenda.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

XI. NEXT MEETING DATE

Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Farnen made a motion, seconded by Donaldson to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0; meeting adjourned at 8:20.

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