

Park Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2022

Zoom/City Hall, 3rd Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Larry Thomas

Members Present by Zoom: Ken Kwantes, Mike Fleishhauer, Sue Arnold, and Susan Wrasmann

Absent: Andrew Meggitt

Others Present: Floyd Jernigan and Julie Rodgers

Others Present by Zoom: Stan Busch

1. Call to Order

- Mr. Kwantes called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

- Mr. Kwantes asked if there were any additions or corrections to last meeting's minutes. There were none. Sue Arnold made a motion to approve the Feb. 10, 2022, minutes. Susan Wrasmann seconded approval and the motion passed with no opposition.

3. Financials

- Mr. Jernigan noted that Sales Tax collections are ahead of same period vs last February. Personnel expense (insurance timing) is up slightly from last year. We're just beginning to start our hiring process. We will start doing interviews, but will also be bringing back staff from last year. Parks is gearing up for the spring season for Maintenance, as well as our Park Programs.

4. Director's Narrative

- Renewing MOU's for downtown planters. Still waiting on some businesses to sign the agreement, but we're about 80% finished on renewals. There are 43 planters maintained last year by local businesses for the 20 locations. Four locations plant their own, so we're working with Gary Peters at Suncliff to plant the rest of the planters. Lonna Sowers and RDBA does the legwork of contacting each of the businesses.
- Mr. Jernigan received notification that our status as a Tree City USA designee was renewed. We were also notified that we received a 2021 Growth Award. Mr. Jernigan took part in the Urban Forestry social media webinar on March 22. They gave resources to look at that could be helpful. Mr. Jernigan did a survey afterwards.
- We have two different groups doing cleanup projects on the ACORN Trail, Rolla High School Key Club and the Boy Scouts of America Venture Crew 2718. Mr. Jernigan asked them to take pictures and we would place it on social media and send to the Focus.

- Staff selected and Board agreed on the Miracle Hutchison play structure for Buehler Park. At last meeting, we were going to ask them if they could change out a few components of their proposed structures. They agreed to switch a shaded area for a couple of “dino” climbers, a backbone, and skull. These changes will help contribute to the park having more of a dinosaur theme. We signed off on the color scheme and Mr. Butz signed off on the contract after Council gave its approval. The construction might take up until the end of this fiscal year due to difficulties in getting material.
- Marie talked to the pickleball group about a league in May and a tournament in July.
- We ordered a new backstop for the tennis courts in Ber Juan Park.
- Mr. Kwantes spoke about work that had been done involving two trees on the corner of Highland and Forum. It knocked down a couple of our plaques, which seem to be missing. Stan Busch said his crew had picked them up, but we will have to order new signs because those were in bad condition.
- Mr. Jernigan talked to Darin Pryor in Engineering about a few trees on Vienna. Mr. Jernigan spoke with Mike Fleishhauer about it and he helped us regarding this issue.

5. Chemtroller Purchase

- Mr. Jernigan reported that the unit we have is not that old, but it is not current with today’s technology. For any kind of technical help, you have to call California and the answers we receive over the phone are not always helpful. It would be beneficial for us to have a system with which we can receive local service as well as computer access from off site, instead of having to be present at the pump room. Literature regarding our system suggests it is not big enough for our needs.

Mr. Jernigan talked to several vendors for recommendations on a system that would fit our needs.

Mr. Jernigan spoke to others who recommended the features we will be getting with the new system. He was told that other companies have replaced the system we have, which is better for much smaller applications, such as private pools or condos. Mr. Kwantes also suggested Mr. Jernigan contact Scott Hester of Counsilman Hunsaker for his input.

Any new system needs to provide more readings than we get at present, which will help provide a more accurate reading on water quality – combined chlorine, free chlorine, Oxygen Reduction Potential, acid, and temperature. With the new system, we would be able to do adjustments from a phone, rather than needing to be there physically to do any changes.

Mr. Kwantes commented that it looks like this is a good choice for us.

Mike Fleishhauer made a motion to approve Mr. Jernigan’s recommendation. Sue Arnold seconded the approval. All were in favor and motion passed with no opposition.

Mike Fleishhauer suggested we may be able to use the older system in a future water system.

6. Discussion

- Mr. Kwantes asked about the bank mower bid that was included in the meeting packet. Mr. Jernigan asked Stan Busch to talk about it. Staff recommends approving the Steiner from TurfWerks. Stan said that we are going to split the purchase with the Street Department/Public Works. We were able to get the Steiner out on Bardsley to mow the bank

near the railroad tracks, which Public Works has been weed eating by hand. The Steiner did a super job on the bank. We can sell our old Dewease on Gov Deals.

Sue Arnold moved to approve the recommended mower. Mike Fleishhauer seconded approval. Having none opposed, the motion passed.

- Mr. Thomas asked if we are going to be able to get back to in-person meetings, rather than meeting via Zoom. All said yes, barring any unforeseen circumstances, we should be able to meet in person.
- Mr. Jernigan spoke to the group about being out of town with his wife during the month of April due to her surgery. He is always available by phone and email.

7. Adjournment

- Sue Arnold made a motion to adjourn. Mike Fleishhauer seconded. All were in favor, with no opposition. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.
- The next regular Park Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25, at 5 p.m. Mr. Kwantes suggested we make final determinations when it is closer to our meeting date. Depending on what is going on in the parks, we will determine where we want to meet.

Julie Rodgers compiled the meeting minutes.