



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday June 20th, 2024, 5:30PM Skyline Center 929 N. Front St

Call to Order Chair: Terry Smith (absent excused)
Vice Chair: Ron Woodruff (absent excused)
Zach Gilbert Call to order at 5:36pm

Staff Liaison: Amy Beatty, Parks & Recreation Director, Sally Thigpen Assistant Director

Public comment period (3 minutes) Ingrid Corbi noticed Live Nation prohibited Ubers from getting to the ADA drop-off and pick-up zone after concert. Requested follow-up to Live Nation by Amy Beatty.

Approval of April 2024 minutes Postponed to August due to unmet quorum
No May minutes due to lack of quorum

Old Business

- By Laws update- Approved by City Council in May.
- Naming request- Sam Bowens Memorial Field
 - Currently at City Council Naming Committee
- Reviewed plan to put up parking gate at Olsen Park.

New Business

- Officer Elections – Postponed to August due to unmet quorum
 - Board to elect Chair and Vice Chair.
 - Term is one (1) year from May 1- April 30th. Officers can hold multiple terms.
 - Any Board member shall serve for three (3) years. A member may serve two (2) consecutive terms. A one (1) year break is required before a member can re-apply.
 - April Meeting: Ingrid Corbi motioned to nominate Terry Smith and Ron Woodruff to continue their positions as Chair and Vice Chair. Franklin Boney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - The Chair requested that staff solicit additional nominations from the committee ahead of the next meeting. *No additional nominations were received.*

Guest staff speaker:

Topic: Greater Downtown Plan initiative and feedback session [project website](#)
Sally Thigpen filled in for Travis Henley, Snr. Planner, Department of Planning & Development Services, who was unable to attend.



Committee Reports

- Parks & Greenway Committee – Ron Woodruff, Committee Chair
 - Adopt-a-Park initiative.
 - Zach Gilbert reviewed the grounds at the Muni and reported they are in excellent condition.
 - Paul Connor reviewed areas at Greenfield Lake Park.
 - Sally Thigpen provided more information about the stormwater algae cleaning project.
 - Franklin Boney noted the homeless presence has lessened by the downtown public library.
 - David Eason reports Wade Park has graffiti near the bathrooms. He noted it's popularity for all age groups.
 - Ingrid Corbi reports that Halyburton Park is heavily traversed. She requests more presence of trail maps, signage or printable brochures. Cyclists get congested on the paved section outside of the park. Ingrid Corbi suggests speed limit signs for e-bikes.
 - Sally reviews trail etiquette resources.
- By-Laws Ad Hoc Committee – Zach Gilbert, Committee Chair
 - Committee has completed its mission and will be dissolved.

Chair's Report

Staff Report

- Annual workplan review proposed in August. Adopted August 2023.
 - Sally Thigpen reviewed completed and to-be-completed action items.
 - Board feedback on the plan's progress requested at August meeting.
- Copper Penny is sponsoring Special Olympics.
- The City has completed work on its new website.
- Assessment of past SWOT analysis requested by Ingrid Corbi for next meeting.

Board Member Round Table

- Amy Beatty gives an update on Legion Stadium Turf Replacement Project. Delays occurred in the vendor set-up process, but construction will resume June 24th.

Adjournment

David Eason motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:15pm, seconded by Paul Connor and the motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting: There is no meeting in July. The August meeting will be held Wednesday **August 21st, 5:30PM Skyline Center**



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
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