



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday August 21st, 2024, 5:30PM

Skyline Center 929 N. Front St/HYBRID ZOOM

Call to Order Chair: Terry Smith

Vice Chair: Ron Woodruff

Call to order at 5:34pm

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

New Member Rhonda Waterhouse

Public comment period (3 minutes)

- Paul Lawler of Rotary Club requested to install a Peace Pole at Greenfield Lake Park Rotary Wheel. The Board voted to recommend support of the installation.
 - *Ingrid Corbi motioned to approve support of the Peace Pole installation at Greenfield Park Rotary Wheel. Alexa Fritz provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Jean Walsh and James Paggioli for Lions Bridge replacement and Lions Club proposal
 - *Expressed interest in providing input and support for replacement.*
- Staff provided update on Greenfield Park Lions Bridge replacement process and grant applications. The Board voted to recommend support of application to the Great Trails State Grant and the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBGP).
 - *Ron Woodruff motioned for approval, Franklin Boney provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.*

Approval of April and June 2024 minutes

Franklin Boney motioned to approve, Ingrid Corbi second.

The motion passed unanimously.

No May minutes due to lack of quorum

Old Business

- By Laws update- Approved by City Council in May. Ad-Hoc Committee dissolved.
- Naming request- Sam Bowens Memorial Field
 - Still out in committee

New Business

Officer Elections

- *Ingrid Corbi motioned for Terry Smith to remain Chair and Ron Woodruff Vice Chair. Franklin Boney provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.*
- Adopt a Park Check in
 - Wade park Restrooms still closed for repair.



- Greenfield park pickleball courts grand-opening August 28th
- Archie Blue restrooms still operating as unisex until stainless steel appliances can be installed
- All park bathrooms will be repaired and replaced with vandal-proof stainless steel
- Olsen park gate has been installed
- Feasibility Study for best use of open space at Empie Park has submitted a final report to city management.

Guest staff speaker:

Topic: Greater Downtown Plan initiative and feedback session [project website](#)

Travis Henley, Snr. Planner, Department of Planning & Development Services

Guest speaker not available

Committee Reports

- Parks & Greenway Committee – Ron Woodruff, Committee Chair
 - Adopt-a-Park initiative.

Chair's Report

Staff Report

- Annual workplan review proposed in September. Adopted August 2023.
- Board recommended create a new Ad-Hoc Committee to update the annual work plan. Direction to review the 2023 SWOT analysis and identify priorities.
- Pickleball resurfacing projects at RSP and GFP status.
- Staff plan to attend the September meeting with an update on the Halyburton Longleaf Restoration project.
 - National Wildlife Federation issued a grant approximately \$10,000 through the Nature Conservancy.
 - We received public comments via Nextdoor regarding concern for shade coverage of Halyburton trails. Public input survey needed.

Board Member Round Table

Adjournment 6:30pm

David Eason moved to adjourn. Ron Woodruff provided a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: Wednesday September 18th, **5:30PM Skyline Center**



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