



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

February 15th, 2023, 5:30PM 401 S. 8th St., Martin Luther King Center

Call to Order 5:30pm

- Alexa Fritz absent (excused)
- David Eason absent (no reason given)

Public comment period NONE present

Approval of January 2023 minutes

- Lisa Sullivan requests more detail in the minutes. Lisa Sullivan approves minutes, Ingrid Corbi seconds. All approve.

Old Business

- Reviewed draft work plan based on SWOT analysis- push to March meeting based on edits.
- Reviewed working with universities. Idea to work with recreation majors as interns.
- Mission statement is being fleshed out by Zach Gilbert and Lisa Sullivan
- Creating committees. Address Adopt-A-Park next month.
- Reviewed list of parks and request to update and include Pickleball, Cross City Trail, Empie park name to include Althea Gibson Tennis Center.

New Business

- David Pugh presents Riverfront Park.
 - Desire for increased activity. David Pugh has a background in City Parks and Rec 14 years. He started at Greenfield lake Park and during that time, he increased public involvement from 15 events to 64 events before Live Nation took over.
- David Pugh presentation described scheduling.
 - Explained fixed civic events. Due to Live Nation every January 31st.
 - Rentals have a 60-day bump period for concerts. Direct new rentals away from concert season.
 - Hurdles with programing. How much time to schedule, book and market? 3 days per concert to load in, load out.
 - Potential fitness classes
 - Come up with ideas for programs that fit the variable nature of the park.



- Off season requires reservations for events; the best events for on-season are small, non-reservation events
- The City does not do rentals at Greenfield Lake Amphitheater anymore, Live Nation does. (ex: church service)

Chair's Report

- Vacancies. Ingrid Corbi is up in April and we need to think about a replacement if needed and maintain continuity. Ingrid is willing to stay on the board – Check with clerk.
- 2 Current vacancies

Staff Report

- Bijou Park and Front St. grand opening 2/9/23
- MLK center expansion – Improvements include the construction of an additional gymnasium, additional office space, kitchen improvements, storage and more. Construction is anticipated to begin Summer/Fall 2023.
- Update from Sally Thigpen – Urban forestry master plan draft goes to tree commission for an extensive review. The boards will give an additional review at next meeting.
- 2023 Year of the Trail – events from the city and MPO yearlong.
- Halyburton is doing a 100-mile challenge. Led by Andy Fairbanks, participants have 100 days to complete 100 miles. Must use city trails/greenways to receive credit. Eligible activities include walking, hiking, biking, kayaking/canoeing.
- Portia Mills Hines Park – Ribbon cutting ceremony March 14th tentatively.
- Polar plunge this weekend.
- Greenfield Park master plan is waiting for a draft.
- Bijou Park mural pending.
- nCino Sports Complex Groundbreaking Ceremony 2/15 at 10am.

Adjournment

6:24pm Adjournment Zach Sullivan initiated, Shirin Jenkins 2nds, All Approve

- **Next Meeting: March 15th, 5:30PM at the MLK Center**



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