



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, December 7, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: 5:01 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:16 p.m.

Meeting Location: Zoom

Attending Board Members: Mike Power Courtney Carlson Chris Sooter Michelle Malashock
Dan Grover Justin Hundley Eileen Patrick Craig Gilbert

Attending Staff Members: David Wright Josh Stacey Grant Osborne
Wade Tomlinson Tracy Acosta

Other: Sean McKay Andy Moddress Chris Marcinkoski

Old Business

Approval of November 2, 2020 Minutes

Motion to Approve by: Mike Power
Seconded the Motion: Eileen Patrick
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

New Business

8th Street Gateway Park – Master Plan Presentation

David Wright shared with the group the progress that has taken place over the last year on the 8th Street Gateway Park Master Plan. Members of PORT Urbanism, Shawn McKay, Chris Marcinkoski and Andy Moddress attended tonight's board meeting via Zoom. Chris spoke and shared the design of the Master Plan. A public meeting was held in February and was well attended. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak the decision was made to create an on-line site that allowed anyone to view the plan on line. This would allow PORT to take surveys and gather information from the community due to the lack of public meetings. The public was very positive and the site was viewed over 8,000 times. From those visits, approximately 1,400 responses were received and around 3,000 of the site visits were from Bentonville alone. If the board approves the 8th Street Master Plan tonight, David will be able to present this to City Council tomorrow night for approval.

Our board members had a few concerns. One being the crossing of Walton Boulevard. David Wright assured them the future of this park and trails in and out would be a protected area. There should be no fear to people as this will be protected lanes. The Department is working with other city departments and all will work in tandem to make sure all is safe.

A large skateboard community is in our area and the board members want to focus on this group. Chris, with PORT, shared the leaders of the skate community have reached out to them directly and want to help design the skate part of the park. The leaders of the group are a very positive and knowledgeable group and will be easy to work with when the design begins to take place.

The power lines in the middle of the park were discussed at this meeting. Due to the \$3 million (and growing) expense to move the power lines, the lines will be integrated into the park design.

Also mentioned was to include a climbing boulder in the park. This boulder was suggested to be geared toward adults. There will need to be more research done on this but will be taken into consideration.

The 8th Street Master Plan was voted on and approved by the members.

Motion to Approve by: Eileen Patrick
Seconded the Motion: Steven George
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

2020 Year End Accomplishments

Josh Stacey and Crant Osborne shared the 2020 Year End Accomplishments. Mentioned in the presentation were the following.

Lake Bentonville	All-American
All-American Trail	Signs and Striping at 21 st and SE S Streets
Hawk Crossing at Moberly Lane	Astro Turf at Memorial Park
Phillips Scoreboard, Field One	Phillips Park Restroom Improvements
Park Springs Park Column Repair	Tennis Court Resurface
Lighting of the Square	Landscaping
8 th Street Gateway Park	Quilt of Parks
Public Art	Recreation and Virtual Events
Team Run Bentonville	Aquatics
Evening at Orchards	Lawrence Plaza Ice Rink

Committee members commended the Department and staff despite the circumstances of the year due to COVID-19.

Other Business

During the first quarter of 2021 we will hear from City Council regarding a bond discussion how that may affect our department.

The Department will post Trails Manager position in 2021.

David Wright introduced Sandra Younger as a new employee in the Department. Sandra will handle our marketing and communications for the department.

David announced Crant Osborne will be retired at the end of January 2021.