Approved
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
March 8, 2018

John Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at the Parks and Recreation Community Space.

Roll Call:
Members Present: John Johnson, Kayleen Shafer, Pam Roland, Chris Bol

Members Absent: Meka Phillips, Aliyah Adams

City Commission Liaison: None

Friends of Recreation Liaison: None

Staff Present: Katie Broekema, Sean Fletcher, Patrick McVerry

Introduction of Guests:

- Steven Brown, City of Kalamazoo Foundation For Excellence Coordinator
- Paul Teini – prospective PRAB member
- Clark Dorer – prospective PRAB member
- Chris Patchell – community member

Changes to the Agenda:

Special Presentations:

Approval of Minutes: The minutes for the January 9, 2018 meeting were unanimously approved.

Old Business:

New Business:

1. KRVT Public Comment Session
    a. City of Kalamazoo Foundation For Excellence Coordinator Steven Brown shared maps of two connections to the KRV Trail. The department will be applying for a DNR Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund Grant up to $300,000 to help offset the cost of these trails. Public Services and Traffic Engineering was involved in the placement of the trails to facilitate the safest and clearest connection to existing trails.
2. Introduction of PRAB potential appointees

a. Clark Dorer moved to Kalamazoo in 2011 to attend Western Michigan University and has stayed in the area. He currently works for Stryker and lives in the Millwood neighborhood. His favorite outdoor activities are biking, disc golf, and golf.
b. Paul Teini recently moved to the Kalamazoo area in 2017 and currently spends his days caring for his son. He lives in the Winchell neighborhood and enjoys visiting playgrounds, running, and golfing. His favorite park is Woods Lake Park.

The Board voted to extend an invitation to both Clark and Paul.

3. Community member Dorian Tyree (Galilee Baptist Church) shared that the Men's Fellowship event in Martin Luther King Jr Park is a community outreach fellowship ministry. Galilee Baptist Church has a 2018 theme of Year of Abundance, and they are looking to share that abundance with the Kalamazoo Community. The event will feature breakfast, lunch, and gospel music.

Event Recommendations:

A. Elizabeth Money (Family Health Center) requested event - Hoops for Health Basketball Tournament pm on Saturday, June 23, 2018 from 7:00 am – 5:00 at LaCrone Park.
B. Connie Carroll (West Main Hill Neighborhood Association) requested event – USTA Tournament Picnic on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 from 8:00 am – 10:00 pm at Henderson Park.
C. Dorian Tyree (Galilee Baptist Church) requested event – Men's Fellowship on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 6:00 am – 3:00 pm at Martin Luther King Jr Park.
D. Carl Roberts requested event - Kids Moving and Thriving Super Hero 5k on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 7:00 am – 12:00 pm at Spring Valley Park.
E. Chris Ponteri (Adel B Korker MD Foundation) requested event - Five Fifty Fifty Run for Mental Health on Thursday, June 21, 2018 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm at Spring Valley Park.
F. Julie Kieser (Jesus Loves Kalamazoo) Requested events
    a. Sunday July 8, 2018 from 8:00 am – 7:00 pm at Bronson Park
    b. Monday, July 9, 2018 from 4:00 – 9:00 pm at Martin Luther King Jr Park
    c. Thursday, July 12, 2018 from 4:00 – 9:00 pm at South Westnedge Park
    d. Friday, July 13, 2018 from 8:00 am – 9:00 pm at LaCrone Park
G. Lauren Hall (Foundations Recovery Network) requested event – Heroes in Recovery 6k on Sunday, September 23, 2018 from 5:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. at Spring Valley Park.

All Events were unanimously approved.

Comments

Citizens: Chris Patchell has enjoyed hiking on the city trails and appreciates the new additions that have been added recently.

Commission Liaison: None

Parks and Recreation Director Monthly Report: Director Sean Fletcher reported that the Kalamazoo Friends of Recreation Executive Director has begun to work on the Scholarship breakfast and golf outing. He also shared that the department fun guide and annual report are both in final drafts and will be available for viewing shortly. The department will also begin the process of a 5 year master plan. The process will include touchpoints at many of our events.

Staff: Special event coordinator Katie Broekema shared that the Egg Hunt will be on March 31, 2018 from 2-4 pm at Mayors' Riverfront Park.

Board Members:
Board Member Pam Roland is excited to begin work with Landscape Love and volunteers in Martin Luther King Jr Park.

Board Member John Johnson wanted to remind the park staff to also consider reaching non-park users for the master plan input.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted by Katie Broekema, Recording Secretary

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Vice-Chair