

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**  
**January 8, 2019**

Chair Meka Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm on January 8, 2019 at Mayors Riverfront Park

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** John Johnson, Chris Patchell, Meka Phillips, Alison Nuismer, Paul Teini, Chris Bol

**Members Absent:** Erin Knott, Pam Roland, Kayleen Shafer, Aliyah Adams

**Staff Present:** Corey Stamps, Sean Fletcher, Patrick McVerry

**Introduction of Guests:** None

**Changes to the Agenda:** None

**Special Presentations:** None

**Approval of Minutes:**

The December minutes were unanimously approved

**Old Business:**

***Rose Veteran Park***

Sean updated us on the Rose Veteran Park name change. There is a deed restriction that requires the park to be called Rose Park. Sean's suggestion to them was to think about naming the plaza of monuments after Mr. Cook. He has not heard back from them.

***Meeting of the Minds***

Corey and Sean met with Public Safety and they brought forth several issues with the event. Public Safety suggested alternative locations such as the Wing Event Center or Arcadia Creek Festival Place. We have not heard anything since then.

**New Business:**

***Approval of Master Plan Draft***

Sean reported that they have had a couple of people email them of different projects they would like to see in the parks. Sean mentioned we would never be able to put everything in the parks that people ask for, but if there is funding later it will be something we could look to do.

*The Master Plan Draft was approved*

### ***Special Meeting locations***

There were no questions on the 2019 meeting locations. Sean mentioned if it's possible we should also meet at Davis St Park if the weather is nice.

### ***Members with expired positions***

John and Chris Bol are interested in still being on the board. Pam will be emailed for her decision.

**Event Recommendations:** None

**Comments:** None

**Citizens:** None

**Commission Liaison:** None

### **Friends of Recreation Liaison Update:**

Alison brought in giveaways from the golf outing for everyone to have. Alison mentioned they updated their branding for the future, so they are getting rid of the old items. Friends of Recreation is always looking for more members to be a part of their board. They would really like to diversify and add more women if possible. If we know of anyone who may be interested, please let her know. Alison also mentioned this year they have set a good number of goals and they have a lot of energy to achieve them.

Paul asked how Friends of Recreation relates to Parks and Recreation. Alison mentioned they provide scholarships to the Parks and Recreation. They are also hoping to start helping with park improvements such as with MLK Park. Friends of Recreation meets every other Tuesday at 5:00pm.

Meka asked about the plans of MLK Park. Alison reported there hasn't been an update in a long time, but there is a tree plan for the park. They are also looking to get the communities more involved as well.

### **Parks and Recreation Director Monthly Report:**

Sean reported the budget should be approved on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January. We are also gearing up for our programming that will take place this year. We are getting things ready for the fun guide and our hiring processes. Sean mentioned there was a meeting yesterday about the different improvement projects and what money is available for future bids. There is lots of work to be done. This year's budget presentation was one of the best they have been a part of. It had lots of good graphics.

Chris Patchell asked about the Bronson Park construction. Sean mentioned they are getting the construction documents and its going out for bid. Bronson Park will get new electrical, an

honor walk in the park, landscape beds, security cams, and a parking kiosk. Everything will start late August.

John Johnson asked is the Bronson Park construction plan the same without the fountain. Sean said yes, the plan is still the same. Master plans act as our guiding document, nothing is set and stone.

Alison asked will the parking kiosk work with park mobile. Patrick mentioned It will work with central city parking, so it should all work with park mobile.

**Staff:**

None

**Board Members:**

Chris Patchell took some strolls through Crane Park and things are progressing nicely. He asked how much money did we get from the grant. Patrick mentioned we didn't get the grant it was worth 75,000. Chris continued and said his son likes the park who visited from out of town. He liked the connection of the 2 sides and said the paths are Big.

Chris Bol asked do we have an update from the farmers market. Sean mentioned they had to see what they could do that they could afford. They are looking to do site work such as the parking lots, adding additional vendor sheds, replacing the roofs, adding restrooms and storage/office space. They hope to get the funding allocated and the road realignment scheduled for 2020. The plan is to bid everything as one project.

**Adjournment:** 6:04

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday February 5, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Parks and Recreation Community Space.

Respectfully submitted by Corey Stamps, Recording Secretary

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