

# PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES – January 15, 2020

**PRESENT:** Michael Lee, Betty Sonneveldt, Kristen Weaver, Lola Skolnik, Ric Gordon, Les Whitmer, Marc Seigel, Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan

**Staff:** Greg Varda, Acting Director of Recreation Programs  
Terri Hruby, Community Planning Director  
Cathryn Pracht, Administrative Assistant

**Excused:** Jake Chesnutt and Lance Beasley

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Meeting called to order at 7:32pm by Vice Chair, Ric Gordon.

November minutes were approved.

**City Council Report:** -Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan addressed scheduling conflict regarding PRAB meetings and thanked PRAB members for their service.

### **Beltway Plaza Presentation - Preliminary Plan of Subdivision**

Members from Rodgers Consulting, McNamee Hosea and Quantum Companies presented the proposed Beltway Plaza Preliminary Plan of Subdivision. The plan presented will comprise of 2,500 multifamily dwelling units as well as 700,000 square feet of retail space. The open green space has been incorporated into the design for passive recreational use. The consultants offered 20,000 square feet of indoor space to be used by the Recreation Department.

PRAB had concerns about parking, open space, emergency vehicles, schools, retail, anchor stores, lighting and public safety.

PRAB recommended that the developer provide 25,000 square feet of indoor recreation space and 1 million dollars to be used for construction of the indoor space and initial programming.

### **New Business:**

**Council Referral:** City Council would like to explore ways to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day on April 22, 2020. This agenda item was tabled for the February meeting.

**Grant Review Panel:** Greg reviewed the Recognition Group process. Michael Lee volunteered to represent PRAB on the Grant Review Panel. The Grant Review Panel will meet on Saturday, April 25 from 1-4pm.

**Election of Officers:** Jake Chesnutt was unanimously voted to serve a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as the PRAB Chair. Ric Gordon was unanimously voted to serve a 2<sup>nd</sup> term as the PRAB Vice Chair.

**PRAB 2020 meeting schedule:** Greg reviewed the meeting schedule for 2020. There were no conflicts.

### **Department Updates:**

- Work on FY 21 Budget is underway.
- Recreation is down six classified positions for various reasons.
- The work on the BAP dam is on track to be completed in April
  - The lake path is currently closed across the dam.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2020.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cathy Pracht, Administrative Coordinator