

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
ZOOM MEETING MINUTES –January 20, 2021

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PRESENT: Jake Chesnutt, Kristen Weaver, Lola Skolnik, Lance Beasley, Marc Siegel, Ric Gordon, Betty Sonneveldt , Michael Lee, Malik Gupta; Youth Advisory Committee Liaison to PRAB

Staff: Greg Varda, Recreation Director
Cathryn Pracht, Administrative Coordinator

Guest: George Harrison- Greenbelt Senior Softball

Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Jordan

Unexcused: Les Whitmer

PRAB meeting called to order at 7:34 pm by Chair, Jake Chesnutt

January Agenda was approved.

December 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes were approved.

Recognition Groups:

- **Greenbelt Senior Softball (GSS)-George Harrison**
 - GSS is comprised of women over the age of 50, and men over the age of 60.
 - City of Greenbelt residents make up 10% of participation in GSS.
 - The GSS season consists of approximately 44 games.
 - Games are played on fields in six counties.
 - GSS did not have a season last spring due to Covid-19.
 - PRAB encouraged Mr. Harrison to include the narrative portion of the application. Items that should to be addressed are low resident participation, recruitment methods and Covid-19 protocol as play resumes.

2021 PRAB Objectives:

1. Buddy Attick Lake Park Masterplan
2. Beltway Plaza - Recreation Facility
3. Buddy Attick Lake Park Signage
4. Springhill Lake Recreation Center
5. Storm Water Management

Planning and Community Development Projects Update:

- **Buddy Attick Lake Park Parking Lot Project**
 - The RFP was out in October. The submitted proposals were substantially higher than what was estimated. The City is researching additional grant money.
- **Beltway Plaza**
 - Developers are working on addressing comments raised by the City.

- The Detailed Site Plan (DSP) has been revised and is awaiting review from the PG County.
- It is anticipated that the DSP will be on PRAB's agenda this spring.
- **Windsor Green**
 - Construction has started
- **Stream Bed Restoration Project**
 - The project is coming to completion

Department Update:

Recognition Groups

- **Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club (GBGC)**
 - Greg spoke with the GBGC President in regards to partnering to offer some type of program to allow kids to safely participate in sporting activities.
 - GBGC has not submitted a revised Recognition Group Application.
- **Greenbelt Municipal Swim Team (GMST)**
 - GMST appreciated PRAB's recommendation and will request level funding in FY 21. GMST is scheduled to be on City Council's Agenda this Monday, January 25, 2021.

Budget

- FY21 revenues are lower as a result of the Pandemic. Recreation is preparing the FY 22 Budget based on normal operations.

Facilities and Parks:

- The GAFC is open. The pool opened on Monday, January 18, 2021. The fitness wing is open on an abbreviated schedule.
- Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center will open by appointment only.
- The Assistant Director for Recreation Programs position has been advertised.
- The Aquatics Coordinator interviews are scheduled for the last week in January.

Special Events:

- **Black History Month**
 - A full month of events has been planned, A flyer listing events is on the VRC.

The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cathryn Pracht, Administrative Coordinator