

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

ZOOM MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday March 17, 2021

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

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

Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Jordan

Unexcused: Les Whitmer,

PRAB meeting called to order at 7:31 pm by Chair, Jake Chesnutt

March PRAB Agenda was approved.

March 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved.

YAC Liaison Update:

- **National League of Cities (NLC):**

The NLC conference took place March 8th-10th. Four Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) members attended. Workshops covered on a variety of topics with many focusing on Covid-19. A Digital Engagement workshop addressed digital equity, ensuring everyone has access to the internet. Another workshop put a spotlight on adolescent healthcare, specifically mental health. There were also discussions related to climate change.

Synthetic Turf Update:

Patrick Gleason presented a proposal at a City Council meeting regarding the need for a synthetic turf field in Greenbelt. Council has referred the issue to PRAB, but no official Council Referral was received prior to the March meeting. Mr. Gleason will be invited to make his presentation to PRAB at the April meeting. A discussion ensued on how to move forward procedurally in the event that many interested people attend the April PRAB meeting. PRAB requested information regarding cost, installation, upkeep and disposal from Greg prior to the next meeting.

Review 2021 PRAB Objectives:

- Buddy Attick Lake Park (BALP) Masterplan, Signage and Storm Water Management:
The BALP Masterplan is not funded in the FY22 Proposed Budget. PRAB discussed making a request to City Council asking for consideration in adding the BALP Masterplan to the FY22 Adopted Budget. It was decided that PRAB Chair, Jake Chesnutt will make a request asking City Council to add the BALP Masterplan in the FY22 Budget.
- Beltway Plaza-Recreation Facility: Planning Department has not received a revised DSP.
- Springhill Lake Recreation Center: Greg was not able to find information on the 2006 plans regarding second floor at SHL, however David Moran and Terri Hruby are assisting in locating this information.

Recreation Department Update:

- Anne Oudemans was promoted to the Assistant Director of Recreation Programs.
- Current vacant positions within the Recreation Department:
 - Assistant Director of Facility and Operations
 - Programs Supervisor
 - ½ time Office Administrator- This position has been advertised.
 - Community Center Coordinator- Interviews are currently being planned.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA): Recreation is fostering a partnership with (BGCA) to provide programs at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. These programs will focus on self-esteem building targeting elementary and middle school youth.
- Greg met with Tommy Paolucci, Division Chief, Youth and Countywide Sports M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation. Mr. Paolucci will focus on youth sports in the county at the recreation level.
- Vaccine update:
 - Administration continues to provide multiple opportunities for our P/T staff to receive the Covid-19 vaccine.
- Grant Review Panel (GRP):
 - Lance Beasley will represent PRAB. The GRP will meet on April 24th to review Recognition Group grant applications and make a recommendation to City Council.
- Recreation Budget Work Session:
 - Scheduled for Wednesday, April 28th.
- Recognition Group Work Session:
 - Scheduled for Wednesday, May 5th. (Rescheduled to Wednesday, May 12)

Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cathryn Pracht, Administrative Coordinator