

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2023

Present: Matt Sickle, Michael Lee, Lance Beasley, Marc Siegel
Council Liaison: Mayor Pro Tem Weaver
Staff: Greg Varda, Recreation Director; Cathryn Pracht, Administrative Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Lance Beasley, PRAB Vice Chair.

January Meeting Minutes approved.

- Council Liaison Update - Mayor Pro Tem Weaver
 - Recreation FY24 Budget Work Session scheduled on April 26.
 - Various ARPA projects fall under the Recreation Department's management.

Old Business:

- Buddy Attick Park Master Plan
 - Six proposals ranging from \$39,000-\$59,000 were submitted as a result of the RFP.
 - Terri Hruby, Director of Planning and Community Development; Kevin Driscoll-Carpenter, Public Works-Environmental Coordinator; and Greg Varda, Recreation Director will review proposals and make a recommendation to the City Manager in May.
 - It is estimated that the project will take 6-8 months.
 - Springhill Lake Recreation Center Addition
 - Recreation staff will observe the Municipal Building design build project with the intention of using the same contractor for the design build project for Springhill Lake Recreation Center.
 - Updates and Improvements to Ballfields
 - Meeting will be held with Public Works staff and City Manager to clarify roles for each department.
 - Outdoor Amenities at Recreation Centers
 - Staff will meet with a contractor in May to discuss replacing the playground and basketball court at Springhill Lake Recreation Center.
 - Design/Construct Outdoor Pavilion
 - This will be grouped into the outdoor amenity projects.
- Past City Council Work Session Update**

- Greenbelt Station Community - Neighborhood Design Center Plan
 - The Community, Council and staff were all receptive of the plan.
 - The plan will serve as a guide as the project progresses.
 - The first phase of the project will be the installation of shade structures as well as increased outdoor seating areas.

- Recreation/Museum Merger
 - Advisory Boards, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum, City Council and staff are all in favor of the merger.
 - Officially, the recreation/museum merger will take effect on July 1, 2023.

New Business:

- Buddy Attick Park
 - Water quality discussion – Buddy Attick Park Master Plan will not directly address water quality.
 - PRAB will need to decide if recommending a water quality/assessment study is needed.
- Recognition Group Process
 - Lance Beasley will represent PRAB on the Grant Review Panel.
 - Due to an insufficient application, Greenbelt Senior Softball will not be reviewed by the Grant Review Panel. The application may come before PRAB at a later date.

Recreation Department Update:

- FY24 Budget Highlights
 - A new half-time classified Recreation Coordinator position from the Police Department
 - This position will handle the Police Department's Explorers Program, offer special event support and oversee Park Rangers.
 - A 2% COLA has been proposed in the FY24 Budget for non-classified staff.
- Recreation has one vacancy - Community Center Coordinator
 - The application and hiring process has begun.
- Special Events
 - Bike to Work Day - May 19th
 - Celebration of Spring at Springhill Lake Recreation Center - May 20th
 - Greenbelt Day Weekend - June 2nd – 4th
 - Juneteenth – June 19th
- Major Projects
 - Rehabilitate the outdoor pool pump room, rebound wall and pool deck
 - Work will not affect the opening of the outdoor pool on Memorial Day Weekend.
 - Youth Center gym floor is being refinished to include two pickleball courts.
 - It is anticipated that the tennis court project will begin in May.
 - Color coating and adding pickleball lines to Braden Courts 7 & 8 and Lakecrest Drive Courts.
 - A total of eight outdoor pickleball courts in the City.

Administrative Report: The next meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2023 at 7pm via ZOOM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cathryn Pracht, Administrative Coordinator

