

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2023

PRAB Present: Jake Chesnutt; Chair
Lance Beasley; Vice Chair
Matt Sickle

Council Liaison: Kristen Weaver, Mayor Pro-Tem

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

Excused Absence: Michael Lee, PRAB Member
Lola Skolnik, PRAB Member
Marc Siegel, PRAB Member

Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Jake Chesnutt, Chair.

May Meeting Minutes were approved.

Council Liaison Update – The search for a City Manager has been narrowed to three candidates. An open public forum will be held for residents.

Old/New Business:

Old Business:

- Buddy Attick Park Masterplan (BAPMP)-
 - A contract between Mahan Rykiel and the City should be signed by the end of the week.
 - The BAPMP kick-off meeting is scheduled for August 17th, it will be an all-day meeting with staff, PRAB and end with a community meeting in the evening.
 - The survey will be ready prior to Labor Day weekend. PRAB will have an opportunity to provide feedback before the survey goes live.
- Ballfield Improvements
 - Staff met with contractors regarding ballfield improvements.
 - Schrom Hills Park - The plan includes grading, irrigation, Bermuda grass and fencing to control access. Possible start date in early Spring 2024.
 - Braden – Converting Field 2 to Little League specifications. Field 1 will receive new infield turf.
 - New equipment is being purchased to assist with ballfield maintenance for all athletic fields.
- Outdoor Amenities
 - Greenbelt Station Phase 1 - shade structures are being selected for benches around Central Park
 - Springhill Lake Recreation Center – Replace playground and outdoor basketball court.
 - Tennis Courts - Color coating/crack repair/pickleball lines - contract has been signed, we are waiting for contractor to schedule the work.

Recreation Department Update:

- FY24 Recreation Budget adoption highlights
 - Recreation added a half-time Administrator at the GAFC making the position full-time.
 - The half time Coordinator position from the Police Department is now under Recreation and will be used to manage Park Rangers, logistical support for Special Events and develop a teen public safety program.
 - 2% COLA was approved for non-classified staff.
 - The Museum is moving under the Recreation Department.
- Summer Camps
 - Many new high school and college aged staff were hired to fill Counselor positions.
 - The majority of camps are full
 - New Therapeutic Recreation Supervisor is providing training for staff
- Senior Programs
 - All SAGE classes returned
 - Food and Friendship program increasing form 2 days/week to 4 days/week.
 - Holy Cross Fitness class is using the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department hall and has approximately 50-60 registrants.
- Public Art programming
 - Nicole DeWald, Art Supervisor is working with Motiva Properties on a public art project.
- July 4th celebration:
 - Recreation is borrowing a shell from Northwestern High School Music Department to help with sound at the bandstand.

Administrative Report:

- Buddy Attick Park Kick-Off meeting August 17th, Greg will send a schedule.
- The next PRAB meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023 at 7pm via ZOOM.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cathryn Pracht, Administrative Coordinator