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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Agenda

HOSPITALITY SUITE ~ Lincoln Park Tower

April 4, 2024
12:00 PM

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Approve Minutes from March 7 Meeting

Regular Agenda Topics

Parkland Dedication

For the Good of the Community

Future Agenda Topics

Adjournment

Next Meeting Date

April 30 - CRC Special Committee - 100% Design
May 2 - Regular PRAB Meeting
May 14 - Special PRAB Meeting - Whitman Design

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
Regular Meeting – March 7, 2024

Meeting Location:	Hospitality Suite – Lincoln Park Stadium

Roll Call

Board Members Present:	Cindy Enos-Martinez William Findlay Lilly Grisafi Abe Herman Gary Schroen Austin Solko Nancy Strippel Byron Wiehe
Board Members Absent:	Kyle Gardner Lisa Whalin
City Staff Present:	Ken Sherbenou, Director of Parks and Recreation Emily Krause, Recreation Superintendent Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

Meeting called to order by Lilly Grisafi at 12:00 p.m.
Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 1 and February 13, 2024 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The motion was seconded by Gary and approved unanimously.

Motion by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0
(Bill abstained as he was absent for both meetings.)

Hawthorne Park
Ken Sherbenou talked with the board about budget available to plan for and execute improvements at Hawthorne Park. One of the themes identified in the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan involve reactivating the downtown parks. Staff are working through concept designs and cost estimates. This is just a first step in the process. The primary feature will be a pump track. This would be the first concrete pump track in town and would complement the asphalt track at CMU and the dirt track in Dos Rios. The pump park design is out to bid right now and staff are seeking a consultant to finish the design and build out. It would be primarily for cycling but also skateboards, rollerblades, scooters. The design is planned to take into account the mature (and very healthy) tree canopy.

Board members wondered if the shelter would be affected. The south shelter is used less frequently because the northern shelter has the restrooms attached. Board members were concerned leaving the

shelter in place would create conflict between people gathered under the shade and fast-moving bikes. The shelter could be relocated for $25,000 but no decision has been made. Currently the design and construction of the pump park will take most of the budget available.

In the north east corner of the park future improvements could include building a rentable outdoor yoga space and increasing the playground footprint to make a more destination style playground. The playground is at the end of its useful life and staff are requesting $600,000 for replacement and expansion as a part of the second phase of improvements.

Staff noted there is more on-street parking here than at Emerson with spaces available on both sides of Gunnison and Hill. Board members wondered about the blinking crosswalk signs (similar to 12th street) so that visitors could cross at 4th and 5th and slow a little more traffic. Ken Sherbenou reminded the board that there are plans to change the traffic pattern on these one-way streets, dropping them down to one lane for cars and a dedicated bicycle lane.

Board members wondered about Washington Park. Currently this park is activated with a couple different user groups on the more open western end, and there is good utilization by the surrounding neighborhood. The school district still owns the three acres adjacent to the EMS building.

Bill Findlay made a motion that PRAB support the plans for improvements at Hawthorne Park. The motion was seconded by Gary Schroen and carried unanimously.

Motion by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 7 No 0

Tennis/Pickleball

Ken Sherbenou shared with the board that the construction of the four new tennis courts at Canyon View is complete. The 12 existing courts are lit and the landscaping is the last outstanding piece. There will be a ribbon cutting celebration on March 28 at 3pm.

Staff remarked that the tennis community has been great to work with and Lena Elliott has been a great bridge builder between the tennis and pickleball communities.

The Lincoln Park pickleball courts need one final surface coat to complete the 20 pickleball courts. Once the temperatures are consistently warm enough, Renner will return to complete that step. Board members wondered about quick start/smaller learning sized tennis courts. Emily Krause shared that Quick Start tennis courts are larger than pickleball courts but the net size is very similar so pickleball courts can be used for kids and families learning tennis or pickleball.

Parks and Recreation has begun offering the courts as reservable spaces. From 4pm – 11pm daily, courts may be reserved in one hour increments for $5/hour.

Whitman Park
Ken Sherbenou advised the board that a design team, DTJ Design, has been selected and the project is kicking off. Staff are hoping for a similar trajectory to Emerson (design in 2024 and construction in 2025). There will be two special PRAB meetings to collect board input for the project.

Staff are working to invite everyone we have connected with since Whitman was closed for drop in use and there will be an effort to gather public input about the design direction for the park. Ken Sherbenou noted that since the Resource Center has opened there are much better services available there than were available ad hoc at Whitman. The City housing department has been working hard to connect people to all the resources available (at the center and city-wide).

PRAB Applications
Ken Sherbenou reminded the Board that applications are open until the end of March. We have two expiring seats. Gary Schroen is, unfortunately, term limited. Lilly Grisafi is invited to reapply.

For the Good of the Community
Board members wondered about the progress of the splash pad at Dos Rios. Ken Sherbenou shared that staff will be giving City Council an update tomorrow. Staff have been experiencing challenges with the health department that they are working hard to overcome. The beach area is moving forward and the contractor has done a really great job deepening the sand and framing with boulders to keep the sand contained.

Adjourn
The meeting adjourned by acclamation at 1:09 p.m.

Next Meeting
The meetings of the Parks and Recreation Advisory board are as follows:

- 4/2 – Special Whitman Park Meeting
- 4/4 – Regular April PRAB Meeting
- 4/30 - 100% CRC design – CRC Special Committee meeting
- 5/2 – Regular May PRAB Meeting
- 5/14 – Special Whitman Park Meeting

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Little
Administrative Specialist