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**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Agenda**

**HOSPITALITY SUITE ~ Lincoln Park Tower**

**November 6, 2025**

**12:00 PM**

**Call to Order**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approve Minutes from October Meeting

**Regular Agenda Topics**

Site Tour - Long Pants and Closed Toe Shoes **REQUIRED**

**For the Good of the Community**

**Future Agenda Topics**

**Adjournment**

**Next Meeting Date**

December 4, 2025





Lisa Whalin made a motion to support the outdoor facilities phase budget at \$2.8 million. The motion was seconded by Josh Travers and carried unanimously.

Yes – 8

No – 0

### **Fountain Conversion**

Ken Sherbenou shared pictures of downtown fountains which have already been converted to planting spaces. The next fountain that staff are working on is at City Hall. The sculpture which rises above the fountain will be relocated and staff are working with the Art and Culture Commission to choose a location. The current fountain will become a planter.

### **Downtown Splash Pad Conversion**

Ken Sherbenou reminded the board that staff were working on a fire pit amenity for the downtown splash pad conversion but there was no way to arrange the amenities with enough distance between the fire pit and play elements. Staff are looking into a play structure created by the same vendor who created the humpback chub structure in Dos Rios Park. The current curb line will not be affected which should create cost savings. Demo and construction is anticipated to begin next month.

### **Stadium Open Plaza Concept**

Ken Sherbenou talked with the board about the stadium partner entities' desire to create an open plaza at the south entrance to the stadium. This would include removing the current brick ticket building, rebuilding it to the western side and opening up the space to improve flow and security. It would shorten the island so that the front entrance can be pulled forward. Stadium partners would share funding for this project and the City has proposed \$125,000 in the capital improvement budget to cover an anticipated 20% of the project. Board members wonder how these changes might impact the football project CMU is proposing near the end zone. Staff think the proposals could tie in to each other. CMU is one of the partner entities involved in the open plaza discussion.

### **Organization Chart Review**

This item was tabled until a future meeting.

### **For the Good of the Community**

Board members wondered if the City is nearing a hiring freeze similar to other entities in the area. Ken shared that the City is evaluating every vacancy very carefully. Staff are proposing a couple of new positions for Parks Custodians in the 2026 budget that are funded with dollars previously earmarked for seasonal positions. There is also a full time vacancy that is not being filled at this time. No currently filled positions are affected at this time.

Adjourn by acclamation at 1:15

Next Meeting – November 6, 2025

The January 1, 2026 meeting is being rescheduled to January 15, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ali Little, Administrative Specialist