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ZOOM MEETING

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
May 19, 2022

Present: Jeffrey Fracher, Ned Michie, Shawn Strubbe, Hosea Mitchell, and Anne Hemenway

Absent: Lashunrda Morsberger

Staff: Riaan Anthony, Vic Garber, and Chris Gensic

Public Matters

No public matters

Administration Matters

Adoption of Minutes

- All in favor to approve the minutes
- Minutes approved

Staff Update- Riaan Anthony

- New Urban Forester- Steve Gains
- Landscape Supervisor- Ronnie Duty
- Pest Management Manager- Libby
- Playground Technician- Two Bears

New Staff Introductions

- Ali Thomas- Operations Specialist 2, Program assistant
- Michelle Bush- Program Supervisor
- Michael Johnson- Aquatics Facility Manager
- Chris Carr- Facilities and Program Manager ****Promotion****

Student Report- Elizabeth Harrington

- Slideshow sent to council

Smith AFC update

- Minor items in the Virginia A&E report. Will not hold up opening
- Stay tuned for opening date

Benjamin Tonsler Park Update

- Members want their green space
- Planning on eliminating the circle and extending that to the building. Will add 14-15 parking spots.
- Small area plan 2021 responses: More bleachers and shelter space.
- Community will wait for the master plan before the field house.
- Reconfiguring existing recreation center
- Creating a priority list before moving forward
- Looking to start the process in 12 months

Questions:

- Are they still looking at Tonsler for a polling place? Anne: “looking at Jackson Via as an alternative.”
- What’s happening at Penn Park? Riaan: “Established a great relationship with Bennet’s Village, meet once a month no matter what to keep communication open.”
- Greenbriar boardwalk repair- Riaan: We have the money for it and the contactor for it. Waiting for the contractor to be available. Will cut it up in sections and will install it in sections.
- Looking at all projects that have grants and figure out how to close the projects done. (Nedler bridge and Rugby road underpass)
- Ned asked about the status of a property owner problem- Riaan will find out the status and report.
- Jeffrey asked about the new HR manager being hired helping with the city’s hiring process- Vic said they will meet in about 3 weeks.

Chairman's Matters

- Application process for new board member discussion
- Timeline for the master plan RFP? Vic- We have 150k to spend on a master plan. Will meet after Memorial Day. Ideally get the RFP out by the end of August. Get the interviewing process and start with a contractor and get it executed by the end of October.
- Darden Towe: Vic- Their board did not approve synthetic fields and lighting. As of right now it is an unfunded project and will need to be resubmitted.

Board Matters

- None.

Directors Matters

- CIP approved \$100,000 for ash trees
- Staff training

MOTION TO ADJOURN

- Ned Michie dismissed the meeting @ 7:03pm

Respectfully submitted,

Danielle Johnson
Secretary to the Advisory Board

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