

**Minutes of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board meeting
January 16, 2020**

The meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Tom Farnsworth, Director at 3:32 PM in the City Hall Prairie Room.

Members attending were: Buddy Seiner, Don Templeton, Heather DeBoer, Rachel Arbach, John Simpson, Jeff Hanig and Aaron Fabel. Also present was Commissioner Vona Johnson, Tom Farnsworth, Mindy Cheap and Thomas Moore.

Buddy Seiner was introduced as the newest member of the board and welcomed by other members. Seiner replaces Dr. Howard on the board.

Farnsworth stated the board needed to elect officers and he would volunteer to be recording secretary unless someone else wanted the task.

Motion by Hanig, second by Seiner to nominate John Simpson as President. No other nominations were offered. A unanimous vote was cast for Simpson to be President.

Motion by Hanig, second by Arbach to nominate Don Templeton as Vice President. No other nominations were offered. A unanimous vote was cast for Templeton to be Vice President.

President Simpson and Vice President Templeton thanked everyone for their support.

Templeton moved, second by Hanig to approve the minutes of the November 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Seiner moved, second by Arbach to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Old Business

2020 Plan of Work –

Staff briefed the board on the 2020 plan of work for the year. A handout detailing the projects and other tasks was sent to the board in advance and made available at the meeting. The board reviewed this and asked questions of staff. Superintendents Moore and Cheap will have responsibilities of scheduling staff and carrying out the work during the year. The detailed plan of work is available for review.

New Business

2021 Future project discussion and prioritization exercise –

Farnsworth led the group in a strategic planning exercise where the board, staff and Commissioner reviewed potential 2021 projects and offered other new projects for the group. A handout detailing the projects was sent in advance to the board and available at the meeting. The board discussed these and were then asked to vote privately for 5 projects they would support. The results were tabulated and reviewed. The project list will be worked on throughout the year with the goal of finalizing for the 2021 budget discussions by the City Administrator, Business Manager, Mayor and Commission.

Farnsworth stated he would mail out the results to the board for further review with information on the budget.

Simpson called on Recreation Superintendent Cheap and CEO of the YMCA Aaron Fabel for reports on activities. Senior citizen programming is starting up and information is on line for class sign up. The next swim meet at the aquatic center/YMCA is scheduled for February 8 and 9.

In dialogue, Simpson asked that a tour of the various parks be arranged for the board when weather is nicer. Staff will set this up for April or May.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Farnsworth, Director

Attachment:

Parks & Rec Division – Potential Future Project List

January 16, 2020

This is a potential list of future projects as of this date. This listing may change as new project ideas surface or some are eliminated so it is a very fluid document. It is intended for discussion and reference by the Park and Recreation board and staff. As we move through the year and our monthly meetings we will determine which of these projects should be considered for the 2021 budget or beyond and presented to the City Administrator and Finance Department during budget hearings. The list will also include equipment as recommended by the Superintendents.

The Park and Recreation Board has prioritized the listing at the Jan. 16 board meeting. See ranking scores below.

For comment or questions please contact Tom Farnsworth, Division Director at 773-2527, Thomas Moore, Park Superintendent at 773-7437 or Mindy Cheap, Recreation Superintendent at 773-7445.

Our Various Parks

Griffin Park includes the Campground, Horseshoe pits, Beach Volleyball area, Skate Park and many other amenities such as picnic shelters, playgrounds, storm shelter and outdoor pool

Future projects:

- 1 vote to move and reuse the current skate park system at est. cost of \$15,000
- 6 votes to design/build a new modern skate park for a new location est. cost of \$300,000
- 2 votes to replace walk bridge over Cap Creek at the river at est. cost of \$100,000

- 1 vote to replace the walk bridge over Cap Creek by outdoor pool est. cost of \$100,000
- 7 votes to replace beach bathrooms at est. cost of \$50,000
- 4 votes to replace shelter by Mary House at est. cost of \$50,000
- 2 votes to add amenities to outdoor patio by storm shelter est cost \$15,000

Demolition of campground restroom building (can be done with City labor) minimal cost

Steamboat Park and Hipple Park (Mayor's Grove of Trees west of the Discovery Center)

- 4 votes for new pavilion in Steamboat Park at est cost of \$25,000

Future projects: Those below to be considered beyond 2021!

Water treatment plant (WTP) construction in west Steamboat Park begins this year

New public restroom for this area of the park is in the site design & funded by WTP project

Splash pad for this area of the park if funds are available from WTP project

Design of new park irrigation system using untreated river water

New highway bridge plaza amenities

Brandt's Pond Park, Divine Park, Mateer Park, Harrison Park, La Barge Park

Dog Park

Pleasant Avenue Park and Greenway (Corner of Poplar & Pleasant St.)

Future projects:

- 5 votes for new basketball/pickle ball court with fence at est. cost \$50,000

Arboretum

4th St. Trail Park and Mickelson Pond

Our Various Sports Fields

Sports Complex – East four little league fields

Sports Complex – West four softball fields

Dan Kelley baseball field

Hyde Stadium baseball field

Hilgers Gulch & PILC Soccer Fields

La Barge, Riggs, Harrison, Griffin little league baseball fields

Tennis Courts at Griffin Park and La Barge Park

Horse shoe Pits at Griffin Park

Our Two Pools and Swim Beach

Outdoor Pool – Griffin Park

Future project:

Construction of new pool to begin in April of 2021

New pool would open in June of 2022 same year as new water treatment plant

This fall, be thinking of where sod can be taken from this Griffin Park site for other uses

Burbach Aquatics is the engineering firm, they do the design and layout for the project

Coordinate with Burbach engineer team on final site design in spring of 2021

Clean out of outdoor pool facilities prior to demolition

Indoor Pool – Aquatic Center

City Gym (when not used by the Boys and Girls Club)

Future project:

Evaluate gym floor for replacement in 2022

Trails and Walk Paths

Island View Drive

Lewis and Clark Trail and other Trail components, Hwy. 34, Garfield Ave., 4th St. Trail

Capitol Creek Trail

Fishing Access/Piers/Docks/Fish Cleaning Station

Future project:

- 8 votes for design, cost share with GFP, fish access points/picnic areas
at Down's Marina peninsula at est. cost \$100,000 provided this is funded
by a GFP/City grant 75%GFP, 25% City therefore \$25,000 for City funds

Trees/Urban Forest

Future project:

Work with Arbor Board as needed for removal of Ash trees (preparation for EAB threat)

Public Health

Treat Aquatic Vegetation

Community Garden/Top Soil

Trail of Governor Statues

Banners and Decorations

Future project:

- 4 votes for Xmass decorations and new banners for Sioux Ave est cost of \$25,000

Irrigation Systems and/or Landscaping

Future project:

- 6 votes for new Toro central control satellites for various parks est cost \$25,000

Work on master plan for new irrigation system in Steamboat and Griffin Park

Buildings/Structures – various items

Future project:

- 5 votes to replace Discovery Center 2nd level west window at est cost of \$18,000

Beautification

Other

Superintendents will recommend equipment needs at est. cost of \$100,000 items TBD

2021 projects with 5 votes or more total est. cost \$468,000 + \$100,000 equipment = \$568,000

(This of course excludes the new outdoor pool at est cost of \$12 Million)

The 2020 current year project costs are est. at \$476,000 + \$95,906 equipment = \$571,906

The 2019 year project costs are \$556,000 + \$135,000 equipment = \$691,000

(The 2019 year project cost excludes est. \$2 Million)