

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
September 14, 2015 - 4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Ed Klimek, Ms. Marcia Rozell, Mr. Dave Dzewaltowski, Ms. Linda Teener, Mr. Mark Bachamp, and Ms. Pat Hudgins.

Absent: Mr. Dave Schafer.

Employees present: Ms. Angie Sutton, Community Relations Director; Mr. Casey Smithson, Park Superintendent; and Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Senior Park Planner.

Visitors: Ms. Linda Morse.

MINUTES

Mr. Klimek called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. Bachamp, seconded by Ms. Teener to approve the minutes as amended of the regular meeting held on August 3, 2015. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

Pat Hudgins joined the meeting.

NATIONAL DISASTER RESILIENCY COMPETITION (NDRC) GRANT AND WILDCAT CREEK WATERSHED RESILIENCY PROJECT

Mr. Thompson presented a preview of the NDRC Grant. NDRC is a nationally competitive grant for nearly \$1Billion to address unmet needs from Presidentially-declared disasters in 2011-2013. The June 6, 2011, flood event on Wildcat Creek qualified Manhattan and Riley County. Public meetings were held on August 5th and August 27th. Chad Bunger, Senior Planner for City of Manhattan, will be at the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) meeting to present information on October 5, 2015. The Community Development department is also asking for a resolution of support from the PRAB at the October 5, 2015 meeting.

MANHATTAN PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY FEASIBILITY STUDY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

Ms. Sutton discussed the four key priorities identified by the Strategic Facilities Improvement Plan as discussed by the City Commission in August. The Parks and Recreation Department has drafted a Request for Qualifications for the feasibility study. Mr. Thompson gave a summary of each section of the RFQ to the PRAB. Scope of project is tied to the four priorities. We would like to have a final report by Fall 2016 to build into City Commission goals for 2017.

Ms. Rozell shared concerns about scope of the feasibility study and would like to see a focus on the indoor facilities. Mr. Dzewaltowski shared concerns about the impact on park plans when proposing possible indoor facilities. Mr. Bachamp would like to do the full scope of services as presented. The RFQ ties all of the priorities together and provides planning for implementing as funds are identified. He thought nine months would be doable, yet challenging. It will be a lot of work organizing public meetings. Mr. Klimek discussed the plans for Genesis providing a competitive pool and recreation/gym facility. Ms. Linda Morse would like us to include Riley County with regards to Fairmont and CICO parks. The PRAB was in favor of recommending to the City Commission to move forward with the feasibility study.

CITY PARK MASTER PLAN

Mr. Thompson provided a summary of the City Park Master Plan (CPMP) process. Developing a third concept based on the feedback received through the planning process. Mr. Thompson will be presenting that concept to the PRAB at a future date.

STAFF REPORT

Wyatt Thompson invited the PRAB to the Guided Prairie Walk for the Lee Mill Heights Park planning on September 20, 2015 from 3:00-4:00pm.

Mr. Thompson provided construction updates for 14th and Fremont on the west side of City Park. Starting on September 18th, construction will begin at 11th and Fremont intersection. Traffic will flow through the intersection, planning to prohibit traffic only when setting traffic signal poles. Douglas Center parking lot project is underway. Anneberg Park is having a lot of dirt moved in preparation for synthetic turf. Ball fields at twin oaks completed by December. By spring, soccer fields to be complete by spring and the lighting finishing up after the sport fields.

Casey Smithson informed the PRAB that the parks crew were completing storm cleanup from last week. The city mostly suffered limb damage and not entire trees down. Parks has begun seeding all the parks and turf areas throughout town. CICO complex has had infield work and conditioner on the five fields. We are beginning some construction projects. We are updating the surface at the Anneberg playground beginning in October. The splash park will stay on through September 27 but it will depend on fall foliage. Blue Earth water feature will remain on through the end of October.

Angie Sutton continued Mr. Thompson's discussion of the construction at Anneberg to notify the board that the trails would still be accessible. The extended pool season gave 6,200 patrons access to City Pool. Pet Poolooza hosted 965 people and 541 dogs. The event continues to be a successful event for the animal shelter. Ms. Sutton gave a special thank you to pool staff for working with the City to keep the pool open extended hours this season. We are draining water from three facilities, but adding water to the Ice Rink to open on November 16. Flint Hills Discovery Center had family free day, almost 1,200 attendees. This provided a great opportunity for individuals who have not been able to visit the center prior. Activities Guide has an activity calendar in front section.

Meeting adjourned.