



Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 5th, 2022

Present: Jarrod Dunbar, Hunter Thrift, Tony Vizzini, Colon Starrett, Bill Tagliaferri, and Kathleen Saratte.

Staff Present: Cory Tobin, Molly Hussey, Vince Brown, and Caprishia Davis

Next meeting: May 3rd, 2022 at the Recreation Main Office

Announcements

Jarrod Dunbar called the meeting to order. Jarrod made a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. The motion was approved by Bill Tagliaferri and seconded by Tony Vizzini. Jarrod made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting and motion was approved by Kathleen Sarette and seconded by Colon Starrett. The motion was carried unanimously. There was no one who signed up for the Public Forum.

Agenda Items

- a. **UPDATES ON THE AQUATIC & COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT** – The sand filter has arrived and that ties into the entire infrastructure to filter the water and clean the water. There was a slight delay in receiving it because of the supply chain, so that put the project back a couple of weeks. With that in place, the on-site supervisor stated that by May 2 we would see the foundational slab poured. They are also going to be working on the wall framing and placing bricks and mortar around the base of the building. Next week they plan to start the excavating of the pool depth, if weather permits. When they excavate the hole, they will rebar it and they are going to pour a spray in of concrete base but it will not plaster until it is almost time to fill the pool with water because the plaster will stain the pool. The project is now back on schedule and construction continues.
- b. **ARP FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES** – The American Rescue Plan (ARP) is federal funding that the city receives to disburse in different areas to influence the community through infrastructure, capital project, community enhancements, nonprofit support, employee support and more. The city received approximately 8 million dollars from federal government, our management and department heads are following the City Councils lead on deciding how to distribute the funds, and where that money will go. The list of eligible activities for our department were to acquire land and create and improve recreation facilities, trails, farms and gardens that encourages outdoor recreation. The maintenance of trails, parks, sport fields, or other amenities, pedestrian improvements with bicycle infrastructure projects, buying outdoor fitness equipment to add to some park spaces, as well as benches, trashcans, and other touchless entities in the facilities.

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- c. **PARK SIGNS / SPRING FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS** – We are looking to change the way our signs welcome the community in the park spaces and facilities. We would like to add more friendly and functional wording and graphics instead of it saying a list of No's. We will incorporate the color scheme of our logo in the signage to make it more noticeable to look at and we want it to be welcoming. Jarrod made a motion to approve replacing the old signs and making new signage, Tony Vizzini approved this signage change, and Bill Tagliaferri seconded it. The motion was carried unanimously. The department has been identifying tasks that should be addressed to improve certain areas in our department. We have installed a new glass door that is more open and friendly for the community to enter our main office. We are replacing the fencing around the Doak Park Field because we noticed that it is a 30-year-old fence. It is a new commercial grade green fencing with new gates and the yellow tubing on top of the fence to protect jumping on the fence line. Vince will be initiating a sponsorship program for the department for people who are reaching out about signage and we can utilize that for multiple ballfields as well as our stadium and gym. We received a quote to seal coat our basketball court at Carver Park, which is an asphalt court that has cracks and is in need of a resurfacing. It is about \$16,000 – \$17,000 to do a full concrete coating, so for now we will re-coat it and re-line it until we are able to redo the basketball court. We have 2 years of play on our gym floor so in May we will be getting that done. We are pressure washing the entire Finch Field minus the Grand stand and the fire department will wash those down, and we will be doing our Veteran's Point sidewalks, cannons, Strickland Center and our Doak Park playground. Cushwa will be adding a robot that will paint our field lines for us and it will help our maintenance crew free up some time because this equipment requires one person compared to four individuals having to hold a steady string to draw the lines. Akeem Davis-Gaither will be hosting a youth football camp at our Cushwa Stadium on June 25. We will be adding a GaGa Ball Pit to our central recreation center, it is a friendlier version of dodgeball, and we think the kids will enjoy this cool feature for the kids to enjoy. It is also portable if we wanted to have an event downtown for Everybody's Day and other programs we hold. In conjunction with "Child At Play" with our Rotary Club, they had funding left over from their grant and before May we will be adding accessible ADA Sambas (outdoor musical elements for playgrounds) to one of our park spaces. They had \$1000 to impact our park areas and we will add this cool element and the city's budget will cover \$2,300 of the \$3,300 cost for the Sambas. Cory Tobin, Jarrod Dunbar, Tony Vizzini, and Hunter Thrift are members of the Rotary Club.

After no further business, Jarrod made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by Kathleen Sarette and was seconded by Bill Tagliaferri. The motion was carried unanimously. The next meeting will be held on May 3rd, 2022 at Recreation Main Office at 12:00PM.