

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
February 15, 2024

Present:

- Ned Michie, Denny Berry, Hosea Mitchell, Jessica Jackson, Jeff Fracher, Katie- public (student), KJ Howard & Quentia Taylor- Cultivate Charlottesville

Absent:

- Amanda Burns, School Board Representative

Staff:

- Will Bassett, Avery Watkins, Riaan Anthony, Justin McKenzie

Public Matters

- KJ Howard and Cultivate Charlottesville interested in bringing a garden to Washington Park

Adoption of Minutes

- Minutes approved- November 2023

Administrative items:

- N/A

Action Items:

- N/A

Information Items:

- Interviewing Board member
 - Riaan and Ned led discussion on how the process will be done moving forward.
- Dogs in Park
 - Member of the Westhaven community brought to Jessica an interest in making Jenkins Park a no dog park.
 - Ragged Mountain and Ivy Creek- no dog policy
 - The park is not community friendly and does not have amenities for children, no shade area over benches, no need for large builders, no water fountain, 1 electrical outlet
 - Wants to fence park and put a gate, wants to put canopies over benches, remove large boulders, add hands on interactive games on fence for children

- Riaan- city owned the land and had extra HUD funding. Once designed and built the park was given to CPRD.
- The park is passive park like Court Square, Market St Park
- Jessica wants to establish a set plan
 - Contact stakeholders to see if they're willing to provide funds (park improvements) – or draft a letter to consider sending to stakeholders
 - Does city have funds?
 - What will animal control do to assist?
 - When are the community meetings?
 - Denny- The Senior Center potential help
 - Jeff- group to Adopt -A-Park and take ownership
- Master Plan Update
 - February- June 2024
 - 4 community engagements planned to increase outreach and spread awareness regarding the master plan
 - Survey
 - Various languages
 - Random sampling
 - Program and service assessment
 - Maintenance cost of service assessment
 - Concept plan framework assessments
 - Connectivity analysis
 - Social pinpoint and website active
 - Performing on par with larger cities in regard to responses
- Garden Plots
 - 4 locations in the city
 - Rives park, Michie Dr, Azalea Park, Meadowcreek Gardens
 - Renovations- add water access, uniformity, signage and safety
 - Rives- currently
 - Michie – 2025
 - Azalea – 2026
 - Meadowcreek- 2027
 - no rain barrels or water collection, no structures at Rives
- Recreation Update – moved to next meeting
- CIP & Project Update
 - No updates
 - CIP and FY25 proposed budget- next month
- Tonsler parking lot close to completion
 - Touch up, paving and lining is all that is needed
- Riverview restroom
 - Receiving funding from council
 - Restoration project looking to break ground December 2025

- Meadowcreek path project
 - Had to get 2 easements
 - Once received, VDOT has a check list to complete then can go out for bid

Chairman's Matters

Board Matters

Directors Matters

Closed Meeting

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Respectfully submitted,

Avery Watkins

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