

DRAFT

ZOOM MEETING

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

September 9, 2021

Present: Jeffrey Fracher, Ned Michie, Hosea Mitchell, Bridget Moss, Jennifer Slack and Shawn Strubbe. Absent: Lashundra Bryson-Morsberger and Anne Hemenway

Staff: Todd Brown, Vic Garber and Chris Gensic

Public Comment

No public comment

Adoption of Minutes

- Bridget Moss made a motion to approve minutes of August 12, 2021, second by Shawn Strubbe, motion was unanimously approved

Approval of Naming Parks

- Chris Gensic stated that the name suggested for 8th Street Park was Holly's Corner and needed a motion by the Advisory Board to approve.
- Motion for 8th Street Park – Motion was made by Hosea Mitchell to name 8th Street Park, Holly's Corner and second by Shawn Strubbe, motion was unanimously approved upon approval of the family

Updates on Parks & Recreation Plans on Re-opening

- Vic Garber reported the following:
 - Due to increased Covid #'s due to the Delta variant, – masks are required for indoor facilities regardless if vaccinated or not, exception – playing volleyball or basketball or in water, enforcing social distancing, have not had complaints from citizens,
 - Outdoor activities going very strong
 - Roller skating #'s @ Carver Center have been a little lower
 - Jennifer Slack stated that as a volleyball player she would feel better checking vaccination records of players, Vic Garber replied that at this time we cannot require
 - Staffing is low, everywhere in the department, lifeguards, officials, field & gym supervisors, working on recruiting
 - Washington Park Pool is now closed for season; Splash pads close 9/19
 - Crow Pool is open 7 days/week until Smith reopens - swim programs, weekends open to public

- Smith – facility maintenance still doing checkpoints, not turned over to department yet, developing a staffing plan. Open for Smith hopeful for late fall. Will close Crow when Smith opens – only rentals & staff training will then be @ Crow
- Adaptive – virtual participation very high, started small group in person @ Washington Park Center
- Programs – 76 enrichments, 40 have reached minimum, start this week, good number for in pandemic
- Skate park – numbers going up with cooler weather
- City Market – going well
- Tonsler Park– securing two conceptual designs for parking & field house, will have estimate soon
- Ned Michie asked about positions open – Golf Manager, Deputy Director Parks, Landscape Supervisor, Horticulture Manager, (2) Horticulture team, Parks Seasonal – only 5 of 15, Aquatic Maintenance.

CIP submittal

- Todd Brown reported that he had met with Ned Michie & Hosea Mitchell to review lists for CIP submittal this year. Instructions for CIP this year have been directed not to add projects unless desperately needed.
- 6 projects for submittal
- Meadowcreek trails – VDOT grant, 1.1 million, \$650,000 city share for entire system
- Onesty – pool repairs, finalize 12 years old, tub & tile, playground – Risk Manager check,
- Oakwood Cemetery – major drainage & erosion issues, drainage issues, standing water, ongoing issue,
- Master Plan – McIntire – drainage issues. Based on Needs Assessment
- Land Acquisition – Purchase parkland underserved area
- Hosea Mitchell stated support for Master Plan, drainage @ McIntire, Onesty, Sanders – not as interested in Meadowcreek
- Shawn Strubbe asked about biking for kids to school w/bus shortage
- Ned Michie asked about trail funds for the VDOT grant submitted for Meadow Creek Trail and bridge for approximately \$1 million. City needs to commit or VDOT may not give funding. Chris Gensic replied that we have narrowed the VDOT grant to only include 2 portions, City CIP would cover 3rd portion so all can be built at same time. VDOT has pulled their portion for the East McIntire “Botanical Garden” Bridge – we have about \$175,000 local funding for it.

Future Meetings Agenda Items & Dates

- Ned Michie asked board members to please email any suggestions for agenda items for future meetings
- Board will meet next month
- Bylaws – have not progressed

Chairman's Matters

- None

Board Matters

- Jennifer Slack asked about playground equipment @ Greenleaf, what is protocol?? Todd Brown replied that the replacement of equipment goes by life cycle, Greenleaf had equipment pieces that did not meet guidelines, did receive public input,
- Asked about any renaming McIntire Park requests

Directors Matters

- Todd Brown announced that he was leaving the City on October 1 going to Fredericksburg Parks & Recreation. He thanked board members for the last 2 years and applauded their efforts,
- Ned Michie thanked Todd for stepping in as Director during hard challenging times.

Motion to Adjourn

- Ned Michie adjourned meeting @ 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daly
Secretary to the Advisory Board

“Individuals with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements to participate in the public meeting may call the ADA Coordinator at (434) 970-

3182 or submit a request via email to ada@charlottesville.gov. The City of Charlottesville requests that you provide a 48 hour notice so that proper arrangements may be made.”