

Meeting minutes Parks Advisory Committee 4/8/21

1. Call to Order.
 - a. Meeting called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Charlene Adair.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - a. Members present - Charlene Adair, Mark Arlington, Bob Burdge, Ionis Jefferson-Knowles, Dr. Susan Hamburger, Patty Reconco; Martha Wright on conference call.
 - b. Staff present – Mike Reals and Tanya White.
4. Comments from the public
 - a. Pamela Carithers – No comment
5. Approval of 3/11/21 meeting minutes
 - a. Accepted approval with corrections and grammatical errors submitted by Dr. Susan Hamburger
 - b. Charlene Adair entertained a motion to approve minutes with corrections, move made by Patty Reconco and seconded by Mark Arlington. All approved.
6. Old Business:

Further discussion of Coach Fenn Park Reconstruction Project to prepare for April Commission Conference Agenda. A revised design is complete – Charlene begin the discussion on the handout provided asking for input. The Committee discussed lighting requirements in the park and parking lot as well as the restroom operations. The presentation was accepted with a few changes.

Update on Special Use Permit for Vendors in City Parks to Commission on March 15th. – Mike Reals reported that the permit has been adopted and there were no issues from the Commission. He stated that he will be providing the River Walk Center with the information as well. Charlene asked how the newly adopted permit will be publicized and suggested a PSA and press release. She has also offered to give out information and direct vendors to the River Walk Center for the permit.

Discuss Adopt-a-park Program – Charlene Adair and Mike Reals begin the discussion on Adopt-A-Park program. Mr. Reals introduced Paul Bertram, Parks and Grounds Manager to provide information on the current related programs in place. Mr. Bertram discussed the current programs such as the Adopt-A-Road program and informed the committee on how many roads have been adopted and how the program is going. Ms. Adair asked specifics of supplies and accountability. Mr. Bertram informed her that the city provides supplies, and Mr. Reals stated that the honor system must be used for accountability. Mr. Bertram provided forms for the Adopt-A-Road Program to be updated for the Adopt-a-park program.

The committee further discussed reviewing the current application to be revised and suggested the incorporation of the group size, sponsorships, and a trial period for the program. The committee agreed to discuss in further detail as the next meeting.

7. New Business: None. The Committee agree to spend more time on discussing the Adopt-a-park program and how it will be promoted.
8. Committee Discussion – Patty Reconco informed the committee that she will be absent for the May meeting.

9. Staff Discussion : None

10. Adjournment – Patty Reconco made a motion to have the meeting adjourned and Dr. Susan Hamburger seconded the motion. Charlene Adair adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.