

## Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 12th, 2022

6:00 p.m.

(TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING)

### 1. Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Stacey McClain

### 2. Roll Call:

- Commissioners present: Julie Finnegan, Stacey McClain, Amy Wolfe, Halley Knigge and Alecia Cunningham \*\*Stacey McClain noted that Kelly Forsberg has resigned so the commission is one person short
- Also present: Tony West, Jack Eckland, one dial-in for public comment

### 3. Flag Salute led by Julie Finnegan

### 4. Review/Approve Minutes – 04/14/22

- Motion to approve: Julie Finnegan; motion seconded: Amy Wolfe; motion carries

### 5. Review/Approve Agenda – 05/12/22

- Motion to approve: Julie Finnegan; motion seconded: Amy Wolfe; motion carries

### 6. Public Comments

- Chris Saunders provided comment about community interest in an inclusive playground; noted that many volunteers and potential partners are excited to support

### 7. Staff Report

- Tony West: good turnout at Parks Appreciation Day; 46 volunteers spread wood chips and picked up garbage at Paradise Pond Park
- Tony West: initial concrete poured at Veterans Memorial Plaza; getting closer to flagpole raising
- Tony West: announced this is the last Teams meeting and the commission will be back in person at the next meeting (June)

### 8. Resolution 907 – CC meeting follow up

- Stacey McClain: attended city council a few weeks ago to present letter of the commission's position on drones/vaping; council discussion focused on smoking/vaping, council *may* request parks commission look again at recommendation
- Jack Ecklund: Has recommended to mayor that city staff take the next step of presenting options based on recommendations
- Halley Knigge: Stated we are an advisory commission. We have advised and now our part is done. Over to the council if they choose to pursue.

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## 9. Curran Orchard RCO Grant Application

- Jack Ecklund: overviewed grant proposal for Curran Apple Orchard upgrades, including playground and restrooms, fully accessible path; presentation to RCO week of June 6; requested a letter of support from the commission
- Stacey McClain: Expressed optimism for grant proposal

## 10. Inclusive Playground

- Tony West: Staff have looked at a few potential locations including Elwood and Cirque; will commission presentation from playground design company with inclusive playground expertise
- Alecia Cunningham/Stacey McClain/Halley Knigge: like Cirque possibility; need to explore feasibility/site usage and use inclusive design principles "nothing for us without us"
- Halley Knigge/Alecia Cunningham: interest in involving local experts; community who would use the playground
- Alecia Cunningham/Julie Finnegan: some concerns with Elwood site (hidden, lack of parking, etc.)
- Stacey: commission likes the concept, just need to find the spot for it

## 11. Additional Commissioner Comments

- Amy Wolfe: Looking for info on tree planting program in the city, if it exists
- Halley Knigge: went for a run at Paradise Pond, look forward to future connector trails
- Stacey McClain: Looking for update on Homestead Park
  - Tony West responded: plans are done, going out to bid this month, construction likely to start early July

## 12. Meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Meeting Minutes by Halley Knigge

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