

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 4, 2024

Heather Carmona, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm at 851 South Eton.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Heather Carmona
Susan Collins
Jessica Einstein
Pam Graham
Anne Lipp
Steve Sweeney
Joseph Wrobel

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Sarah Kupczyk

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES ABSENT:

Ella Bassett, Orchard Lake St. Mary's
Preparatory School

ADMINISTRATION:

Carrie A. Laird, Parks and Recreation Manager
Connie J. Folk, Ice Arena and Facilities
Superintendent
Brad McNab, Parks and Recreation Assistant
Foreman
Leah Blizinski, City Planner
Andrea Swanson, DPS Office Coordinator

PRESENTERS:

Sue Grissim, Grissim, Metz, Andriese Associates
(GMA)

GUESTS:

Narlu Castellano

ANNOUNCEMENTS, INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS & CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS:

1. In The Park Concert Schedule
2. Ad Hoc Senior/Recreation Center Committee (SCC) - Update

Graham stated the committee continues to meet every Wednesday. Graham stated that the City of Birmingham has hired an owner's rep. to guide the City through the process. The City has also placed Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for architects that are interested in the project. Nine responded and the committee have chosen three.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

No items presented.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

It was moved by Graham, seconded by Einstein, to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, June 4, 2024 regular meeting as submitted.

Ayes,

Heather Carmona, Susan Collins,
Jessica Einstein, Pam Graham, Anne Lipp,
Steve Sweeney and Joseph Wrobel

Nays,

None

Absent,

Sarah Kupczyk

UNFINISHED BUSINESS #1: Continued Discussion of Pickleball Complaints and Remediation Options

PM Laird shared with the Parks and Recreation Board an update to the Parks and Recreation Board as requested in regards to Govpilot reports received since the end of September 2023 through May 29, 2024 showing the complaints about pickleball.

PM Laird also shared with the Parks and Recreation Board the approved 2024-2025 Budget includes funding allocated for Crestview Park pickleball courts Site Furnishings and Acoustic Fencing, which will be a carry-over from the current budget.

PM Laird stated that the department plans to return with a recommendation for the July 9, 2024 Parks and Recreation Board meeting to proceed with sound mitigation for the pickleball courts.

PM Laird discussed with the Parks and Recreation Board the pickleball webinar that was shared with the Parks and Recreation Board.

Collins asked what other concerns and requests that have come in for future amenities for the pickleball courts.

PM Laird stated the only requests that have come in is sound barriers to reduce the noise.

Lipp asked if there was room do build a new pickleball courts along Woodward, 300 feet from the residence at Poppleton Park. PM Laird stated there would be room.

PM Laird stated she will be reporting back to the Parks and Recreation Board the cost of acoustic fence and to make sure that the questions are answered about absorbing sound, whether that bidders will commit to that.

NEW BUSINESS #1: BOOTH PARK ENTRY PLAZA & TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

PM Laird shared with the Parks and Recreation Board feedback from city staff, from the plan, the memo from Nick Dupuis, City of Birmingham Planning Director and survey from Engage with a detailed report.

Sue Grissim shared with the Parks and Recreation Board a Booth Park preliminary landscape design plan. The design included paving material, seating options and other amenities.

PM Laird stated that the Booth Park preliminary landscape design plan will be shared with multiple City of Birmingham Boards.

Grissim shared with the Parks and Recreation Board the different styles of the public restrooms and should the restrooms in 3D mode.

The Parks and Recreation Board acknowledge that accessibility, safe, clean and pleasing restroom would be acceptable.

Sweeney likes the custom public restroom vs the pre-fabricated public restroom.

Grissim reviewed the Booth Park Entry Plaza & Trail Improvements Estimated Budget.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

No miscellaneous communication was presented.

REPORTS FROM STAFF:

No reports from staff was presented.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING: July 9, 2024

Portable Restrooms

Chair Carmona stated the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm, at 851 South Eton.

Chair Carmona adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm

Connie J. Folk, Ice Arena and Facilities Superintendent