



Mission Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 22, 2018

The City of Mission Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission met at the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center in the Breakout Room on Monday, **January 22, 2018** at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Mark Raduziner, Ward IV, Mary Funk, Ward IV, Anne O'Leary, Ward I, Karin Capron, Ward II, Mellissa Currie, Ward II, David Schwenk, Ward III, Dahnika Short, Ward II and Lekha Shredhar, Ward I. Christy Humerickhouse and Kathy Lockard represented staff.

Absent - Erin Beaslin, Ward IV, Nathan Dormer, Ward III, Deborah Rushing, Ward III, Kelsey Gibbs and Watson Deacon, student representatives.

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Approval of November 20, 2017 meeting minutes:

David Schwenk noted that his name was misspelled under the CIP item;

Karin Capron moved to approve the minutes with the correction of spelling for David Schwenk under CIP;

Lekha Shredhar seconded;

Motion passed, minutes approved.

Review Ordinance establishing PRT

- Christy invited members to read through the ordinance in their agenda packets;
- The work completed by the Tree Board and The Parks and Recreation Board was important as separate boards, but we are merging the two into one;
- Do not want to compete one against the other, but need to make the group as one;
- Nothing was lost from either group, still doing the same work, adding support to each other;
- Function in a larger group, get to know each other and work together;
- What can Christy do to get us together? Members suggested throwing a party/social to get to know each other as individuals. Tree board knew each other and Parks Commission knew each other but we need to get to know each other now as one group;
- Jacque thanked Anne O'Leary and her daughter for stepping up at the Farmers Market to participate in the Emerald Ash Borer costume;
- None of the members felt like there was animosity, but just getting into a bigger group was taking some time to get comfortable;
- Provide name tags at events;
- What do we want the next 20 years to look like? This committee has the opportunity to

make a difference;

- This group is an advisory board to make recommendations that go to the Community Development Committee which go on to the Council for decisions. Your recommendations are taken very seriously;
- CIP (Capital Improvement Project) Committee – evaluates the projects throughout the City and recommends what needs to be completed. David Schwenk and Nathan Dormer are on this committee;

Arbor Day Poster Contest Update

- The top 10 posters will be picked up from Rushton Elementary School on Thursday, January 25th and then they will be on display at the Community Center for patrons to vote for their favorite until 9:00 p.m. Monday, January 29th at which time the winning poster will be sent to the state of Kansas for the state competition.

Rotary Partnership for Tree/Plant Sales Seedling Giveaway (Dahnika)

- The committee from PRT will meet after this meeting and then Rotary will meet on Wednesday, January 24th;
- This event is in partnership with The Rotary Club who received a grant for seedlings to be given away at the Arbor Day/Earth Day Event on Saturday, April 21st;
- Members were asked to put this date on their calendar so they can attend and participate. The time has not be set, but it will be in the morning;
- Kim Bomberger with Kansas Forestry has been invited to come to present a tree planting demonstration;
- The City of Mission will have a tree sale. Look to the future as to what is going to be sustainable in the future;
- Mary suggested having the Kansas Master Gardener Group of Johnson County be invited;
- Lekha suggested to invite Dennis Patton with the State of Kansas.

Upcoming Programs/Events:

- Upcoming Free Family Fun Nights:
 - February 2nd – Mary Funk – Nathan Dormer
 - March 2nd – Mary Funk and Kelsey Gibbs
- This week is KRPA (Kansas Recreation and Parks Association) Conference in Wichita. Jenny Smith will present two sessions at the conference. Rachel Sostarich, Luis Benavides and Nick Shepherd will also be in attendance.

Review/Evaluate/Prioritize Master Plan Level 1 Priorities

- Committee Members were asked to look over the information in their agenda packets;
- Overall Signs – Public Works department has their own sign making machine so Christy is working with John Belger on wayfinding signage throughout the Parks System;
- Committee members, ask residents and talking to patrons, knowing the Level 1 priority recommendations on the list, we need to figure out what needs to be number one;
- The group discussed and was asked to come back to the committee in February with

recommendations;

- Put something together to let patrons know where the sales tax money has been spent so far and where we can go on future improvements;
- Need to consider what is the responsibility of the Commission and what is the responsibility of the City;
- What are our minimum park standards?;
- The City of Mission Parks have not changed over the years whereas other cities have moved on into the 21st Century;
- There has to be a balance between maintaining and new;
- The group needs to decide what is priority and if we are going to put a little money in each park or are we going to pick one big item. Make a change that is clearly visible so people can see that the money has been used;
- Parks and Recreation does not come up on CIP until March, so this group can look over the items and decide on the top priority at the February meeting;
- Stay as broad as you can so you touch as many people as you can;
- Possibly make a five year plan to continue making changes;
- Get the kids and parents to buy into the parks. Spend time with them to get feedback as to what they would want to be in the parks and what colors. Get them to buy into the change;
- Come prepared to the next meeting in February to lay out your priorities so we can vote on them to forward to the CIP Committee knowing that we have the \$100,000 to spend next year.;
- When the weather gets warmer, we can take a tour of the parks as a group.

CIP Committee Update

- David stated that the last CIP Committee meeting was on the storm water system in Mission and improvements are being made, but there are still problems to be dealt with.

Other

- Mellissa would like to be added to the agenda in February to report on Dementia Friendly City services;
- Jacque thanked the group for the friendly notes and floral arrangement during her recovery.

Adjournment

- **Mary Funk** moved to adjourn
- **Mellissa Currie** seconded;
- **Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:20 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Lockard, Administrative Supervisor, City of Mission Parks & Recreation