



## **Mission Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, February 19, 2018**

The City of Mission Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission met at the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center in the Breakout Room on Monday, **February 19, 2018** at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Mark Raduziner, Ward IV, Anne O'Leary, Ward I, Karin Capron, Ward II, Mellissa Currie, Ward II, Nathan Dormer, Ward III, Dahnika Short, Ward II, Lekha Sreedhar, Ward I, Jacque Gameson, Ward IV and Deborah Rushing, Ward III. Kathy Lockard and Jenny Smith represented staff.

Absent - Erin Beaslin, Ward IV, Mary Funk, Ward IV, David Schwenk, Ward III, Kelsey Gibbs and Watson Deacon, student representatives.

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

### **Approval of January 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes:**

Change: Section – Review, Evaluate, Prioritize, next to the last bullet.

Change the word send to **spend** in the sentence – We have \$1,000 to spend.

**Lekha Sreedhar** moved to approve the minutes with the change;

**Jacque Gameson** seconded;

**Motion passed.**

### **Review/Evaluate/Prioritize Master Plan Level 1 Priorities**

- Signage – since people do not know where the parks or Community Center are located;
- Dahnika reported that her neighbors would like us to put in more sidewalks;
- Start the standardization of the playgrounds;
- Step up the playground equipment and pick one park to step it up in to help us get up to date with the other cities around us such as Merriam;
- If we are going to be the group to move the sales tax forward for 10 years we need to know what it is we need to do;
- Depending on where you live, you want the park near you to be the best and get the improvements. Do we need to do a little work in each park to start the improvements to satisfy the interest of all citizens;
- Trails are a big concern or interest;
- What park gets the most traffic? Ask the City for demographic data if they have the information. How has this been determined?;
- How many people would be impacted by initial improvements?;

- Recommend completing projects that would enhance the senior populations as well as youth to show that the tax money is being evenly distributed;
- First year or so, as the tax money is starting to sunset, show the citizens that we are going to touch all the parks. Address the greatest concern at each park;
- Recommend that Anderson and Broadmoor Parks not be considered for improvements early on as they have recently had substantial improvements;
- Waterworks is a highly used park and any improvement to it would be a great benefit;
- Top priority should be to improve trails and the connectivity of the trails. Should we focus on the trails in each of the parks or try to connect the parks? Something we are lacking is mile markers between parks to connect the parks;
- 3/8 cent sales tax – when was it voted on? If it would go to a vote in 2021 that would give us a few years for patrons to see that we are making improvements in each park. Look at the broader scope that we have around 4 – 5 years to make a difference;
- Members need to continue to talk to neighbors, people at schools and at the Community Center;

#### **Arbor Day Poster Contest Update**

- Members were able to see a picture of the winning poster in their agenda packets;
- Poster was sent to compete in the state of Kansas competition. No results yet;
- Three way tie for 2nd place and one 3rd place winner;
- Posters were framed courtesy of Jacque Gameson;
- Framed posters will be presented with 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons to the participants at a special recognition at Rushton Elementary School on Friday, March 23rd at 2:30 p.m. The Mayor has been invited as well as all Commission members;
- Poster winners will also receive a \$20 gift card to Target for the 1st place winner; \$15 Target card for each of the 2nd place winners and a \$10 Target gift card to the 3rd place winner;
- All 5th grade students will receive a participant ribbon with the Connecticut quarter bearing the Charter Oak Tree on the back;
- Jacque Gameson and Karin Capron will present the story of the Charter Oak to the students;
- Possibly have the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission vote on the posters in the future;
- Jacque needs to have the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons for the framed posters.

#### **Rotary Partnership for Tree/Plant Sales Seedling Giveaway**

- Dahnika reported that the event will be called “Spring into Mission” and the date will be Saturday, April 21st at 9:00 a.m. at the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center. We hope the weather will cooperate and the event will be outside;
- Tree sales will be at the Community Center and also online;
- Leekha is working on the trees for sale and will send a list to members;
- Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission will have the opportunity to have a table to hand out tree information to participants as well as a few activities.

### **Review of Tree Plan**

- Members looked over the copy of the tree plan provided in their agenda packets;
- Asked about changing Chapter 240 in the first sentence to Chapter 230 since that is how it is referenced throughout the rest of the document;
- Jacque suggested that we need to define a street tree and a landscape tree under Interface with the Landscape – Item #1 – - Check with code enforcement if they have that identification;
- Anne stated that it may not necessarily have to be in our document.

### **Upcoming Programs/Events**

- Bunny Eggstravaganza – March 31<sup>st</sup> – Jenny has 10 – 15 volunteers from Shawnee Mission School District, the new church renting space from SPJCC and VinSolutions to assist with this event. Jenny is requesting assistance from Commission Members for lead roles such as face painting, inflatable, greeters and floaters, egg throwers (Mission Project has partnered with us for this activity.) Mellissa Currie and her husband volunteered for the bunny costumes this year. Still looking for an attendant for the Bunnies during the event. Jim Sloss will be the emcee. Jenny ordered 7,000 eggs and that is upping the count from last year. The Fire and Police Departments as well as vendors to promote classes, clowns and balloon artists will all be in attendance. Volunteers are asked to be here at the Community Center by 9:30 a.m. and stay until 12:30 p.m. Jenny will send an email out to everyone;
- Pickleball Tournament – This a very fun event scheduled for Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup> here at the Community Center. Everyone volunteer for this event if possible. Check in begins at 8:00 a.m. – games start at 9:00 a.m. Jenny will split up times in 2 sections. Jenny will try to do name tags this year so judges know who players are and she will send out an email for this as well;

### **CIP Committee Update**

- Nathan reported that the Committee met and was talking about storm drainage in the City of Mission. They also talked about the Broadmoor and Johnson Drive intersection which needs help with lighting. Most of the time was spent talking about the Johnson Drive project and stormwater. Working very hard on how to get all this accomplished.

### **Dementia Friendly City Services**

- Mellissa Currie provided the committee with information;
- She is working with the Heart of America Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) is the website where you can go to for more information;
- This is a mindset that we can incorporate some of these ideas into the City;
- Making sure that people can stay in their own environment as long as possible;
- Just staying connected and being aware of your neighbors;
- She asked the committee to look over the information and if you have any questions please email her.

### Other

- Karin requested that information be shared with the Commission members as to how many trees were removed as to how many were re-planted in the City in the past year. She stated that we need to get more trees planted and she would like to see the City replace the trees that we remove. The Tree City report showed that more trees were taken out than replaced. Please put this on the agenda for next month;
- Jacque requested that the Tree Inventory for the City be shared with the Committee to see where we are;
- Karin requested to talk about the kind of tree and where we are going to plant it for the Arbor Day Tree Planting in April. She suggested that it is important to have variety and diversity in trees at the park;
- Jacque requested that the status of the flier for the Championship Tree Program be shared with Commission members at the next meeting so we can have them at the April 21<sup>st</sup> event;
- Jacque also requested that the Tree Book from the State of Kansas received at the Tree City USA event last year be shared with patrons at the April 21st event.

### Adjournment

- **Anne O’Leary** moved to adjourn the meeting;
- **Karin Capron** seconded the motion;
- **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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