



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

**Monday, March 19, 2018**

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

In attendance: Anne O'Leary, Ward I, Karin Capron, Ward II, Mary Funk, Ward IV, Nathan Dormer, Ward III, David Schwenk, Ward III, Lekha Sreedhar, Ward I, Jacque Gameson, Ward IV, Amy Burkes, Ward IV and Deacon Watson, student representative. Christy Humerickhouse, Kathy Lockard and Jenny Smith represented staff.

Absent - Mark Raduziner, Ward IV, Erin Beaslin, Ward IV, Mellissa Currie, Ward II, Dahnika Short, Ward II, Deborah Rushing, Ward III and Kelsey Gibbs student representative.

**Christy Humerickhouse** called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm in Mark's absence.

Introduced and welcomed new member Amy Burkes, Ward IV

Nathan Dormer and his family will be moving to Lenexa. He would like to remain active on the committee and continue to provide his service. We do have the position of Member at Large available and will make the recommendation to have Nathan remain in that position.

### **Approval of February 19, 2018 meeting minutes:**

**Jacque Gameson** requested the following change to the minutes:

Item #4 – Review/Evaluate/Prioritize Master Plan Level 1 Priorities

Waterworks is a highly used park... **remove the word land – word should be and.**

- **Jacque Gameson** moved to approve the February 19, 2018 meeting minutes with correction;
- **Karin Capron** seconded;
- **Motion passed.**

### **Tree Inventory Update:**

- Christy shared the action item that was presented to the Council to hire Davey Resource Group to inventory the trees in Mission. The action item has passed the council and work will begin in April;
- Jacque, Karin and Christy would like to accompany the group on one of the dates to see how the inventory process works. Possibly when the group inventories the trees in

Mohawk Park or on the Sylvester Powell site;

### **2017 Tree Removal/Tree Planting Summary**

- Christy included in the packet the number of trees removed and the number of trees planted;
- We might have two more trees in Andersen Park that may need to be removed due to the Aquatic Center construction;
- Street trees removed between Broadmoor and Metcalf on Martway were possibly due to the Panera Drive thru addition;
- Seven new trees went in at Legacy Park; one at Mohawk Park and two on Martway Street to replace the ones that were removed due to construction at Panera;
- Need to include the trees planted in Waterworks Park each year;

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

- Christy asked David and Nate to help with the CIP information, which they provided;
- Christy went over some of the discussion from the February meeting;
- Money that is specifically dedicated to Parks and Recreation and the maintenance of parks and facilities and how that money relates to other projects in the City;
- The CIP committee will be moving into Parks and Recreation discussion within the next couple of months;
- It is not only about taking care of new items but using the money to also maintain the current items and equipment we have;
- Repairing the minimal maintenance items with the dollars we currently have is important;
- Wayfinding signage is important for each of the parks;
- Watson asked what the sales tax is for? The current sales tax (sunset in 10 years) was primarily to build the Aquatic Center and when the sales tax sunsets do we ask for a continuance to make improvements in our current parks?;
- Waterworks and Mohawk would be great parks for improvement to get attention from patrons;
- Watson stated that it would be important to have something big to have patrons vote to keep the sales tax going;
- Residents would like to see drinking fountains, restrooms and equipment at Waterworks Park;
- What can we do to make the most substantial difference for residents?;
- The shelter and equipment at Waterworks Park would make a big statement before improving the trails;
- The tennis courts are in horrible condition at Andersen Park;
- We need support for Parks & Recreation beyond the Aquatic Center;
- Take care of the immediate issues that are easy to take care of;
- We have to find the balance in maintaining what we have above bare minimum but also improving on what we have;
- Use the five years to catch up on improvements and educate patrons on ways we can

improve within the next ten years;

- Need to make a recommendation to the CIP Commission who will then forward it to the City Council;
- Identified in the budget for this year is the signage for each of the parks;
- Parks & Recreation Maintenance Priorities:
  1. Upkeep of the Community Center
  2. Tennis Courts at Andersen
  3. Soccer equipment at Mohawk and Broadmoor
  4. Quality of equipment at all parks;
  5. Trails at each of the parks – connectivity.
  
- What about a piece of equipment for Beverly Park for camp and other programs?;

**Anne O’Leary** moved that the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission recommend to the CIP Committee to move forward with the following items:

1. Proceed with any maintenance items identified in the Parks and Recreation Master plan;
2. Shelter, drinking fountains and restrooms in Waterworks park;
3. Shelter, restrooms and drinking fountains in Mohawk park;
4. Replacement of existing playground equipment in all parks;
5. Improvement of trail system in each of the individual parks;
6. Connectivity of all trail systems throughout the parks

**Jacque Gameson** seconded.

**Motion passed.**

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

- The awards ceremony is scheduled for Friday, March 23rd at Rushton Elementary School;
- The time is changed to 2:00 p.m. since we will be planting two trees on Rushton property at 2:30 p.m. in recognition of the **State** poster contest winner Affan Ansari. This is the first time the City of Mission has been recognized with a **State winner**;
- The trees that will be planted are a Brandywine Maple and Wildfire Black Gum;
- Kim Bomberger with the Kansas Forest Service will be here to assist with the planting;
- All members are welcome to attend.

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

- More information at April Meeting since Dahnika was absent.

### **Upcoming Program Events**

1. Jenny will email each of the members the information regarding the Bunny Eggstravaganza (Saturday, March 31st) and the Pickleball Tournament (Saturday, April 7th)

### **CIP Committee Update**

- David reported the CIP committee has been talking about the streets;
- People would like to add sidewalks to as many streets as possible;
- If a sidewalk is built it has to be within specific limits.

### **Other**

- Tree Plan will be brought up at the meeting in April.

### **Adjournment**

**Anne O’Leary** moved to adjourn the meeting;

**David Schwenk** seconded the motion;

**Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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