



Mission Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 20, 2017

The City of Mission Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission met at the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center in the Breakout Room on Monday, **November 20, 2017** at 6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Mark Raduziner, Ward IV, Mary Funk, Ward IV, Anne O’Leary, Ward I, Beth Garcia, Ward II, Karin Capron, Ward II, Mellissa Currie, Ward II, Nathan Dormer, Ward III, Deborah Rushing, Ward III, David Schwenk, Ward III, Dahnika Short, Ward II, Lekha Shredhar, Ward I, Watson Deacon and Kelsey Gibbs , student representatives. Christy Humerickhouse, Kathy Lockard and Jenny Smith represented staff.

Absent - Erin Beaslin, Ward IV, Jacque Gameson, Ward IV

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of September 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes (Mark R)

- Karin had an additional note. Karin was in attendance on October 6th at the Indoor Playground area of the Free Family Fun Night. Her name will be added to the October 6th volunteers;
- **Mary Funk** moved to approved the minutes with the addition of Karin’s name to the October 6th Free Family Fun Night;
- **Lekha Shredhar** seconded;
- **Motion passed - minutes approved.**

Holiday Lights and Festive Sights, Friday, December 1st (Christy)

- Student Representatives Kelsey Gibbs and Watson Deacon were asked to recruit student volunteers to assist in the arts and crafts area, each is to bring 3 individuals;
- Hot Dogs – Hy-Vee is not going to sponsor. Jenny will still ask them if they would like to provide the grill. Jenny will get a firm yes or no on Tuesday, November 21st. She will at least ask about the grill.;
- Anne O’Leary Mellissa Currie, Nathan Dormer, Mary Funk and David Schwenk will help in the food area;
- Fliers were given to each of the members so they can see the different activities;
- Christy will provide Safety Vests for all workers. Everyone requested to stay until 8:30 p.m. to assist with cleanup.

Poster Contest Planning (Kathy)

- Kathy gave a quick overview of the program and passed around the guide that will be given to the 5th grade teachers at Rushton;
- The theme is *Kansas Trees are Terrific...And Energy Wise!*;
- Timeline was shared with the committee;
- Christy put together a sub-committee for the classroom celebration which will include Karin Capron, Jacque Gameson, Beth Garcia, Lekha Shredhar and Kathy Lockard. The date will be in March and will be shared with the committee once the teachers have chosen the date.

Rotary Partnership Opportunity (Dahnika)

- The Shawnee Mission Rotary Club received a grant to give away seedlings in conjunction with Arbor Day and Earth Day, April 21st;
- Trees will be ordered ahead of time and participants will be able to pick them up here at the Community Center. Look into a notebook with pictures for patrons to view the trees before purchasing;
- Turn this into a larger event than just giving away trees such as information on correct planting of trees (reach out to Kim Bomberger), sustainability information (City of Mission Sustainability Committee) and food, face painting (suggested by Anne O'Leary), samplings available for free; Emerald Ash Borer tattoos (provided by Karin Capron). This is also Earth Day, so connect a program to that as well.
- Kathy Lockard will be the staff representative for this event;
- Dahnika will head up the committee with the following members: Kathy Lockard, staff, Mellissa Currie, Beth Garcia, Karin Capron, Jacque Gameson and Leekha Shredhar.

Upcoming Programs/Events

- Free Family Fun Nights:
 - January 5th – Mary Funk and Mark Raduziner
 - February 2nd – Mary Funk and Nathan Dormer
 - March 2nd – Mary Funk and Kelsey Gibbs

CIP Committee Update

- David Schwenk and Nathan Dormer are the parks, recreation and tree commission representatives on this committee.
- Nathan reported that several members of the CIP Committee feel that if a dog park is built, that it should go in Streamway Park. A Friends of the Dog Park group is being assembled to determine how such a park would be funded and where it will go. Capital Fund is limited and parks are one of the biggest users, but other necessary items are normally put in front of parks such as water and streets.
- The deteriorating condition of the tennis courts in Andersen Park were also discussed at

the CIP Committee meeting;

Other

- Christy and Mark attended the KCMPRDA (Kansas City Metro Parks & Recreation Director Association Banquet;
- Christy reminded members of the Mayor's Holiday event on December 7th. Please RSVP.

Adjournment:

- **Anne O'Leary** moved to adjourn the meeting;
- **Karin Capron** seconded the motion;
- **Motion passed** – meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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