



Mission Parks, Recreation & Tree Commission Meeting Minutes August 17, 2020

The PRT Commission met via zoom on Monday August 17, 2020 at 6:00 PM

In attendance: Mark Raduziner, Anne O'Leary, Jaque Gameson, Karin Capron, Mary Funk, Mary Ryherd, Ben Chociey and Mellissa Currie. Hillary Parker-Thomas - Council Liaison.

Penn Almoney and Kathy Lockard represented staff.

Absent: David Schwenk and Lea Loudon. Nick Schlossmacher - Council Liaison

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

REVIEW

Approve Minutes:

Jacque Gameson requested the following changes be made:

- Under Mayor's Proclamation - The word **Mayor** needs to be spelled correctly at the beginning of the first sentence;
- Under Tree Recommendations .. **Should the Andersen Park information be reworded since the City does not want the declining oak replaced? To read we recommend two Catalpa at parking and Spruce in the playground area. Anne O'Leary stated that we need to leave the wording the way it was written.**
- In sentence "Keep (delete word "an") ongoing with the wish list..."
- **Mohawk Park - spell Ryherd correctly and put an ' in Sunday's - this was suggested by Mary Funk.**

Mary Funk recommended approving the July 20, 2020 minutes with the changes.

Jacque Gameson seconded.

Motion carried 8-0.

Poster Contest winner Council presentation maybe October 21st.

Penn will request to have this on the agenda for the October 21st meeting. The Lockard family have been asked and they are okay with the date.

Community center hours of operation update:

Penn stated that staff are in discussion that beginning September 1st the Community Center will be returning to evening hours of operation staying open until 9:00 pm weeknights.

The next phase is to open up weekends.

Staff is looking at the possibility of trying to open up basketball again with reservations of three to a basket and having two baskets available.

Numbers have been around 1000 per week, pre Covid was averaging 700 a day. Revenue is down as well.

General consensus is to keep the facility open and get a couple months under our belt before making any decisions for any type of closure.

The pool is open 5:30 am - 10:00 am, closes and then opens from 3:00 - 6:00 pm during weekdays and will extend until regular closing hours once we open in September.

Championship Tree Program

Mark reported that the information was on the bulletin board in the Mission Magazine.

Jacque stated the Mission web page looks good with all the changes.

Penn stated that we already have two Championship Tree nomination forms for this year.

Jacque will include the nomination forms in the parks bulletin boards once the corkboard is replaced. Corkboard replacement has been ordered and is expected this week. Penn will get them replaced and let Jacque know so she can get the information updated.

She will also do a recap with the previous Championship tree winners and request Penn to find the files for the previous winners to share their stories.

Mark mentioned that there was a question about the type of tree that was the winner for this year and he confirmed that the winning tree is a Dogwood.

Mohawk Park Redesign Master Plan Update

Staff met with Confluence about the next steps in the process. The choices were to update the council or reconvene the steering committee. The steering committee will be reconvened and Penn shared some of the information.

Restroom was #1 priority, but with Covid is that still the #1 item?

Potential match upwards of \$300,000 for funding with a grant from the Land and Water Conservation. The deadline to submit the information for the grant is September 15th.

The grant will have some strings attached that if we receive the grant, we would never use the area for anything other than for recreation.

Without the formal design process in place we would not have the ability to apply for the grant.

Anne O'Leary and Ben Chociey represent the PRT on the steering committee,

Having another public forum is part of the commitment we made, so getting a recommendation from the steering committee as to how to move forward is important.

September P & R Community Center drive thru event

Since we cannot do everything we want safely, the P & R program department is working to give away some swag (would like to be with the new branding, but not quite ready). Staff will try to get something mainlined with school starting with some items donated by area businesses and then some at home activities from the program department. Patrons will have the opportunity to just drive through the Community Center parking lot to pick up the bag from staff. Penn will let PRT know about the drive through event and how they can help.

Anne asked about some information on the branding.

Penn provided that it has come down to 2 choices - sent out to citizens and the feedback was split down the middle.

Shared with council and received feedback - Penn feels like their decision was split.

Some feedback has requested that the cursive Kansas be used on both options.

Revisited the colors and tweaked and something will be shared with the council this week.

Penn suggested joining the council meeting via zoom this week.

Anne did not give feedback since she felt PRT would be more involved.

Penn stated that PRT can still send their feedback to Emly Randal at erandal@missionks.org.

Melissa stated that option #1 was most popular on the social media she had been following and Mark stated that on facebook it was option #2.

Mark stated that the colors are very typical of what businesses are now doing and provided his feedback on the colors.

Jacque shared her feedback from being in on a recent zoom meeting.

Mary shared that the primary colors at the outdoor pool are orange and blue.

Penn stated that this is a City wide decision and everyone can provide feedback to Emily. 90-120 days for launch - so probably January 1st.

Pearl Harbor Park clean & monument refresh

Penn and Mark invited everyone to drive by and check out the park.

Penn reported that a new picture is on the monument and the area has been power washed, which has made a huge difference. Penn thanked Public Works for their hard work.

Mark requested a picture to post on facebook and twitter.

Also suggested to put the picture in the Mission Magazine. Mark will make suggestion for the bulletin board.

Penn reached out to Mission Project and they will be letting us know if they are still committed to the upkeep of the park which currently has signage stating that they are taking care of the park.

Mark commented to make sure we keep patrons informed about what we have been doing in all our parks to encourage the upcoming sales tax vote.

DISCUSSION

Mission Parks Tour-

- **Broadmoor Park**

Penn shared the feedback that was submitted by PRT members.

Northeast United Soccer League has requested to use the field for their fall season. Discussing whether they would use the field at no price for replacing the damaged soccer post.

Penn shared additional comments from Anne.

Mary liked the square blue picnic tables with seats, but they are not in the shade.

Center entrance is overgrown and needs some attention, but the sign is good.

Mary stated that the park was being used when she visited.

Mary suggested more benches for seating at the baseball field.

Penn stated that most patrons bring their own chairs.

Trees in the east area need some clean up.

The railroad ties need some assistance.

Need to have the litter cleaned up under the bridge.

Need an organization or group to adopt that park to clean it up.

Mary suggested that we have a work day to clean up the area.

Mary will clean up the area - Karin and Jacque volunteered to assist. They go on Tuesday, August 18th at 10:00 am to clean up.

Penn will reach out to staff to keep clean.

The bathrooms are not open for use, but can be used during a rental.

Anne stated that the bioswale area needs to be maintained as part of a grant. It needs to be cleaned up.

Anne suggested putting in some plantings that do not need lots of attention. She suggested some cherry and plum bushes that patrons could go by and pick off and they would also be good for the birds.

Members discussed the trail.

Penn stated that the trail is important. Money is set aside each year to decide what is top priority in each of the parks.

Anne stated that it seems to get washed out after a big storm. Is it something to discuss as to how it will be addressed?

Penn stated that we could also make suggestions on what can be done and if it needs to be completed in more than one year.

Penn stated that the hill needs to be part of the solution. Maybe a retention wall for future damage.

Mary asked about the possibility of having the entire trail resurfaced. Penn stated that it is a possibility but PRT needs to decide where the money will be allocated.

Possibility of moving the trail.

Mary asked if resurfacing is done with an outside contractor and Penn stated that it is an outside contractor.

Anne also suggested that the litter be cleaned up. It is a daily problem. Recycle bins were brought up since they are in Mohawk Park.

Mohawk Park has recycle bins and this was a project with students from Santa Fe Trail Elementary School.

It was suggested to dump the trash cans more than once a week.

When discussion came up about the soccer goals, Penn stated that new soccer goals will be put in the park, just a matter of discussion with The Northeast United Soccer League.

- 3 Bench Options

Penn shared links with the group.

Jacque asked if the benches need to be replaced this year.

Penn stated that we would replace the benches that are damaged or dangerous first and follow the standard of replacing all the benches with concrete.

Broadmoor Park benches and Waterworks and Andersen Park benches are all in bad shape.

Penn shared photos of potential new bench choices. Armrest benches but with a divider in the middle which would discourage sleeping in the parks.

Ben is not in favor of the divider in the middle.

Penn stated the divider is an option that can be put in within 30 minutes if chosen later.

Lots of elements to seating.

Mary asked about warranty. Penn stated that most all of them have a 10 year warranty.

Penn would like to go ahead and order two benches that he could get installed now, one for Waterworks, and the other for Streamway or Broadmoor.

Waterworks Park had a bench on the west side removed because of damage that needs to be replaced.

Streamway Park would be to place a bench close to the entrance for accessibility to the trail.

Streamway would benefit more with a concrete bench.

The Broadmoor bench would be placed along the western edge where there is a shed.

Penn stated again that moving forward we would want to mount all the benches in concrete.

After discussion it was confirmed that the park benches will be placed in Waterworks and Broadmoor Park and the bench chosen is the Wishbone, Bayview Plus Park Bench.

The bench will be bolted into concrete.

A different style can be chosen later for other parks.

Each park will be designed to have its own identity.

The vote was 3 for Northgate and 4 for Wishbone/Bayview.

The committee recommended to try the benches without the middle arm rest which can be added later.

Anne suggested the Parks Department choose the color. Penn stated that the color will be more neutral.

Master Gardeners

Mary stated that the Master Gardeners group provides lots of work with the help from a City, but it might be a possible future plan for the City of Mission. The park at 67th and Roe is a good example of the work done by the Master Gardeners.

Mark thanked Mary for all her hard work at Mission City Hall with the upkeep of their plants.

UPCOMING NOTES & MEETINGS

Penn shared the calendar with the group to look at upcoming events.
No events coming up within the next month that need to be addressed.

Jacque suggested adding the drive through event in September, but Penn stated that it is just a one-off at this time and probably will not be an annual event.

Mark reminded the group that our next meeting is on Monday, September 21st.
Council meeting on this upcoming Wednesday via Zoom - everyone invited to attend.

ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT MEETING

Next park for discussion at the September meeting will be Streamway.

Jacque suggested visiting Streamway closer to the September meeting so we have some good notes for discussion at the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Mary Funk moved to adjourn the meeting.

Jacque Gameson seconded.

Motion carried 8-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm

Faithfully submitted by Kathy Lockard, Administrative Supervisor

