



Mission Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 18, 2017

The City of Mission Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission met at the Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center in the Breakout Room on Monday, **September 18, 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, Watson Deacon and Kelsey Gibbs. Christy Humerickhouse and Kathy Lockard represented staff.

Absent - Erin Beaslin, Ward IV, Jacque Gameson, Ward IV and Lekha Sreedhar, Ward I

Guests: Mayor Steve Schowengerdt, Henry Morgan, Jenny Smith, Nick Shepherd and Luis Benavides.

Mark Raduziner called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Approval of July 17, 2017 meeting minutes

- **Anne O'Leary** moved to approve the July 17, 2017 Meeting minutes;
- **Mary Funk** seconded;
- **Motion passed.**

Introduction of New/Student Members to the PRT - Dahnika Sachs, Kelsey Gibbs & Watson Deacon

- **Dahnika Sachs** - appointed to Ward II - recently married so last name should be Shorts. Recently moved to Mission and works as a nurse;
- **Watson Deacon** - appointed as a student representative. He is a sophomore at Rockhurst, runs cross country and lives in Mission;
- **Kelsey Gibbs** - appointed as a student representative. She is a senior at Shawnee Mission North, involved in several activities, works at Hy-Vee and planning on attending K-State;
- They all submitted a letter of interest to Mayor Schowengerdt and he selected the best match to our Commission.

Introduction of new Aquatics Manager - Luis Benavides

- Introduced Luis Benavides, new Aquatics Manager and Nick Shepherd, Recreation

Coordinator. Each gave a little introduction about themselves to the Commission;

- All other members introduced themselves and told how long they had been on the Commission.

Skatepark request - Henry Morgan

- Mayor Steve Schowengerdt introduced Henry Morgan, a 9 year old Mission Resident who explained how he got started with the idea for a skatepark in Mission;
- Powerpoint – Skate in Mission. Henry presented the Commission members with a summary of why there should be skatepark in Mission;
- He presented several pictures of a skatepark in Hays where is grandmother lives, explaining each feature of the park;
- He displayed a picture of Mohawk Park through Google Maps as to where to put a skatepark in that park;
- His presentation had valid points for rules for a Skate Park;
- Henry thanked the members for the opportunity to present his ideas and then opened up the presentation for questions:
- Hours? - The park would be open all the hours of the park;
- Who would build it: Henry was not sure who would build it;
- Do you have a skateboard? He does have a skateboard, but does not have anywhere to ride it;
- Would you require participants to wear helmets? Yes, he would;
- Christy Humerickhouse thanked Henry for his presentation and explained the process for the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. We will keep Henry and his idea in the forefront of our minds.

Mission Summer Camp – Year End Report

- Jenny presented a powerpoint to the Commission Members on the Mission Summer Camp;
- Each member received a copy of the powerpoint presentation;
- Jenny would be happy to send out the presentation electronically if requested;
- Commission members suggested to request businesses or patrons to contribute to a scholarship fund for the Mission Summer Camp. Suggested putting this information into the City Newsletter or the bulletin board of the Mission Magazine;
- Commission members sell popcorn and water at the Free Family Fun Nights for the Scholarship Program;
- Jenny will have some new signage for the Free Family Fun Nights to explain the Scholarship Program.

Championship Tree Program Flyer – Review

- Christy presented Commission members with a copy of the new revised flyer;
- She requested feedback after members reviewed the information;

- The following comments/suggestions were given:
 - ❑ Remove the measurement of the tree from the flyer – 3 lines;
 - ❑ Give species it's own line;
 - ❑ Come up with another bullet – home beautification;
 - ❑ Looks nice
- Christy will wait until the end of the week and if she does not hear back from anyone, then she will go ahead and get the flyers printed with the changes;
- There is not a deadline on the form so it can be used from year to year;
- **Karin Capron** moved to approve moving forward with the flyer;
- **Mary Funk seconded;**
- **Motion passed.**

Arborist RFP

- Christy will get this out by the end of the week to get the arborist work started this year;
- If the work is not completed this year, Christy will ask for the funds to be approved to go to next year.

Upcoming Programs/Events:

Asking for volunteers to assist with these events

- This Saturday, September 23rd the City of Mission Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission will host the Farmer's Market Community Tent – Emerald Ash Borer. 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. The Farmers Market Group will provide a table and tent. We will have information to pass out on activities.
- Two groups of two:
 - 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. – **Anne O'Leary** and family;
 - 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – **Mellissa Currie** and **David Schwenk**
- Free Family Fun Nights - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. - South lobby of the Community Center
- October 6 – **Mary Funk, Nathan Dormer and Karin Capron**
- November 3 – **Dahnika Short** and **Mary Funk**
- January 5th
- February 2nd
- March 2nd
- December 1st – 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. - Holiday Lights and Festive Sighs – All hands on deck.

Other

- Adopt a Park Program – Council approved this – it is in the Mission Magazine;
- Friends of the Dog Park has been approved. Discussion on the funding was approved not to use current funding for parks. Christy has five people who would like to be a part of this committee.

- NOTE: The Parks Recreation and Tree Commission did not meet in August due to the Solar Eclipse.;
- The Commission will not meet in December. Members will be invited to the Mayor's Holiday event – 2nd Thursday of December;
- October meeting agenda – review self sufficiency goal;
- Master Plan – rolling that out;
- Capital Improvement Plans approved for next year;
- Christy gave an update on long term contracts with groups such as The Stroke Foundation, Christ's Church and VinSolutions (a Mission Business) for memberships;
- The Parks & Recreation department is partnering with KC Crew South to run Basketball, Volleyball and Racquetball Leagues. kccrewsouth.com. Please visit the website;
- Christy is working on a grant for playground equipment. Waterworks Park would be the first park suggested for equipment replacement;
- Christy and Jenny will be attending the NRPA Convention next week in New Orleans.

Adjournment

- **Anne O'Leary** moved to adjourn the meeting;
- **Beth Garcia** seconded;
- **Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

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