



Mission Parks, Recreation & Tree Commission Meeting Minutes November 16, 2020

The PRT Commission met via zoom on Monday November 16, 2020 at 6:00 PM.

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

Penn Almoney, Kathy Lockard and Jenny Smith represented staff.

Absent: Ben Chociey, David Schwenk, Lea Loudon and Nick Schlossmacher, Council Liaison.

Guest: Bahram Sadeghi - lives close to Waterworks Park and requested that if we have money in our account we spend it to build a bathroom to put into Waterworks Park along with a building with windows to host parties and a nice meeting area. Also requested a water fountain for dogs be put in the park.

Guest: Terri Baugh - Sustainability Committee.

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm

INTRODUCTIONS:

Welcome Jenny Smith - Events & Program Supervisor.

- Jenny spoke of the upcoming events for the end of the year.
- Thanks for Seniors Event - This event will not be an in person event as in the past. It will be a drive thru - 11:30 am - 2:00 pm. On November 19th. Those participants who registered for a \$6 fee will drive through the Powell Center North parking lot and pick up Blue Logo Bags filled with lots of goodies.
- Jenny will send out emails to the participants to pick up the bags and ask them if they want to donate non-perishable food items for the Holiday Adoptions.
- Jenny asked if anyone on the committee wants to attend and accept the donations - Mary Funk will work from 12:00 - 2:00 pm.
- Mary will help with stuffing bags if needed.
- Mark stated that the Uplift Truck will be in that same parking lot from 8am - 12pm but Penn stated they will be on the corner of the North Lot.
- Mark will come assist with the Thanks for Seniors event after he works the Uplift Event.

- Next event is the Mayor's Tree Lighting along with a Luminary Walk. Due to the limit on participants to events - the Luminary Walk will be cancelled. Jenny is working on how to work on the Mayor's Tree Event. It may be a virtual event and then a drive-thru event to pick up S'mores and Santa will be with Jenny passing out S'mores. This event is scheduled for Friday, December 4th. Jenny will be working on details and keep everyone posted.
- Mary Funk suggested doing something for Valentine's Day.
- Working with KC Mom's Collective Blog Group. They are doing two drive through Santa events. One is a Polar Express Activity. The department will be participating in this event, which has two dates, December 5th and December 13th. The department will have the availability of passing out information to about 300 children during these two dates.
- Last event the city will be hosting is going to be Breakfast with Santa. This will be Calls with Claus. Santa will be doing Zoom calls with children.
- Jenny will be working on how we can adjust for 2021.

REVIEW

Approve Minutes

- Spell **Dennis Patton's** name correctly.
- Last bullet item - want to create a "turf" dog park
- Page 4 - Eagle Scout Project at Mohawk **Trail should be spelled with one "l"**

Jacque Gameson moved to approve with corrections.

Mary Funk seconded.

Motion passed 7-0.

Mohawk Park - New Name?

- It might be in our best interest to rename Mohawk as something that may not be as offensive to the Native American.
- Please have this on your radar.
- Karin does not see any offense in the name and does not feel like we would need to rename it. Penn stated that others may be offended and so we need to have it on the radar with supporting reasons for a change.
- Timing could work out with going forward with the remodeling of the Park.
- Hillary suggested that we look at all our Parks and see what the history is of all the Parks - how they were named or who they were named after.
- Maybe have a benefactor who would make a large donation to the Park and we could name it after them.

- Review the conceptual design and which amenities should go where and if they are appropriate.
- The Master Plan is a default idea for each of the Parks.
- Rental Groups, businesses and neighbors were pulled together and a meeting was held two weeks ago. Participants included Jacque Gameson, Mary Rhyherd, Councilmember Inman, four neighbors from around the park and Christina Farmer from the Dog Park Committee.
- Penn shared the renderings from the park.
- General consensus was a combination of the 1st and 3rd renderings.
- Statements included that the playground equipment was too far away from the bathrooms. Loved splash pad and rolling hills playground. Basketball goals to close to the parking?
- The Dog Park committee would like to have at least an acre.
- Working out ideas.
- Looking at parking.
- Wanting more shelter space.
- Mary enjoyed being on the committee and listening to the neighbors.
- Anne thanked the group for keeping areas of the park.
- One basketball court should be enough - don't need two.
- Penn provided information on the bioswale area.
- People leaned more towards A, but recommended combining A & C for the park.
- Councilmember Thomas also wanted to remind members that there are basketball courts in the Mohawk rendering as well.
- Councilmember Thomas made some suggestions for the parking.
- The Steering Committee meets again the 1st week of December. Penn will share information from that meeting at the December PRT Meeting.

Tree City USA

- Penn and Jacque have completed the application and are waiting for the Mayor to sign off and then they will get it sent in.
- We should find out our status by the end of January and we should receive stickers and the USA tree flag at the end of March.

Bioswale & Bioretention

- Penn met with a professional and a landscape artist and will meet with another professional in the Spring.
- Public Works trimmed the Bioswale.

Park Technician Job Posting

- Received 80 applications.
- Penn will review the applications to get it to an interviewable number.

- Penn shared the job description.
- This position will be under Parks and Recreation.
- This will be a good job for aiding in all the changes and upkeep and improvements to the parks.
- Hope to have interviews the 1st or 2nd week of December.
- Hope to have ten applicants to interview.

Waterworks Maple Tree ID Complete?

- Karin brought Jacque a leaf from the tree and Jacque is waiting to confirm that it is an October Glory Maple, or a Surprise Maple. Jacque will need to wait until Spring to see the color of blossom to confirm.

Uplift Truck at the PCC on Thu, Nov 19 8AM-12Noon

- Mark mentioned this event and asked members to please donate.

Electrical wires at Andersen Park

- These have not been taken care of as of this meeting.
- Jacque stated that the wires are on the North power pole and Penn stated the wires are sprinkler related. The wires need to be in a box other than hanging loose.
- Penn knows where they are and will get this fixed.

DISCUSSION

Mission Parks Tour

- Waterworks Park Discussion:
- Penn shared the feedback from commission members.
- Table the Arbor day Celebration for this year.
- Replaced the bald cypress with another bald cypress since there was already a sign in place at the location.
- Damage to the tree post was from the lawnmower. We are going to receive some reimbursement for the damage.
- Bench repair.
- Tree icon key - Jacque will fix that.
- Penn went over the repairs list.
- Also shared the list of improvements.
- Guests to the park would like a more permanent restroom and a nicer place to relax.
- Future Ideas list was shared.

- Playground items all got fixed.

- Restrooms were on the list for the second time.
- Counts in the park.
- Mark asked if the Water Company could assist with any of the improvements. Penn stated it does not hurt to ask.

Monument Signs & Wayfinding Review

- Penn shared some renderings on the Parks.
- Members did not like Option #1.
- Option #2 - Park name would be better in a darker color.
- Mark suggested nothing vertical.
- Like simplicity of Option #3 with stonework.
- Mission, KS needs to be lower level and horizontal in the white space.
- Anne suggested all letters in the blue area.
- Jacque suggested making the blue color a green for parks and the word Park could be blue.
- Raised or embossed lettering.
- The name of the park should be the emphasis.
- Several members liked option #3 with moving the logo horizontally.
- Possibly add the stonework under option #2.
- Have words stand out more instead of etched.
- Have the words Parks & Recreation under the name instead of just Mission, KS.
- Crux helped with the designs.
- Penn will create a mock up of #2 and #3 and bring it back to the committee.
- Council member Thomas commented on the monument signs. As we choose the brand guide for the City - like the type of stone or the type of colors, think about the amenities that are going to be at each of the parks. Signage connecting to the design elements of each park should be a consistent design that connects each park. Think of the branding piece of the park as a bigger part of the equation.
- If we are using brushed aluminum we should use the brushed aluminum on the restroom or shelter and keep the color of the sign consistent with the structures in the parks.
- We are in the beginning stages and will come back with some revisions and get more information on type of signs, aluminum, rock, etc.

Family Adoptions Fundraising (\$20 in 2020)

- Penn shared the idea of \$20 in 2020, which seems like a number that most people could sacrifice in giving to the Adoption Committee. This is a fundraising event which will be pushed out on social media. We have a list of thirty-five donors from past years who will be called by City Staff or members of the Adoption Committee.
- Members have a copy of the letter that will be sent to three patrons who have given a larger amount in the past.

- Penn also shared a document of gifts requested from the families.
- People can put their name by an item on the list and email Kathy Lockard and she will remove the item from the list. This gives patrons an opportunity to purchase a gift without coming into the facility.

Jacque inquired on how we are going to get in touch with the schools and the teachers to get the information to them for the Arbor Day Poster Art Contest.

Anne O'Leary will assist with getting the information to the teachers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Having a briefer meeting in December to finish up some items.
- Schedule the meeting on Monday, December 14th at 6:00 pm.
- No park discussion in December - wait until January.
- Mark suggested Beverly Park in January.

Mary Funk moved to adjourn.

Karin Capron seconded.

Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Faithfully submitted by Kathy Lockard, Administrative Supervisor

