



**Mission Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2021**

The PRT Commission met via zoom on Monday May 17, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

In attendance: Mark Raduziner, Anne O'Leary, Jacque Gameson, Karin Capron, Ben Chocie, Mary Ryherd, Amy Warren, Emily Rollheiser and Mellissa Currie. Hillary Parker-Thomas, Council Liaison.

Penn Almoney + Kathy Lockard + Jenny Smith represented staff.

Absent: David Schwenk and Nick Schlossmacher, Council Liaison.

Guest: Lenny Lippert- Sustainability Commission

Anne O'Leary called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

REVIEW

Approve Minutes:

Jacque Gameson moved and Mary Ryherd seconded to approve the minutes with no changes.

Motion passed - 9 -0.

Event updates:

Jenny Smith spoke about events.

8 weeks of camp – 7 full

3-7 people on the wait list for each full week.

Kids to Parks – 5th year in a row that it has rained. So instead if running this event in the spring, we will run it in the fall – OK kids day. Stay tuned.

Looking for volunteers for the Backyard Campout in Andersen Park. Friday, June 18th and Saturday, June 19th.

Participants will pitch a tent in the park, eat dinner, enjoy s'mores around a campfire, a movie in the park and swim at the pool.

Mission Summer Family Picnic

Lots of changes with precautions and protocols.

Saturday, July 10th - Broadmoor Park.

Need lots of volunteers.

For food safety – individualized wrapped corn dogs, string cheese and bag chips.

Adding a band and a beer garden –sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Fireworks display.

Fire department will participate as in the past hosing down patrons.

Families will have circles painted in the grass for safety for their individual areas.

If Jenny does not hear from you she will contact you!

Anne thanked Jenny for all the programs!

Anne invited Jenny to corner them all at the first in person meeting in June.

Jenny will send out a list of jobs for people to look over.

Global Youth Service Day – 12 trees; Mohawk + Broadmoor

Penn stated this event was a raging success. He shared some pictures from Facebook, courtesy of Mary Ryherd.

Jacque Gameson assisted at Mohawk and then went to Broadmoor.

Seven trees were planted at Mohawk and five at Broadmoor.

The youth worked hard and played hard and Mission is twelve trees closer to reaching our goal of seventy trees for our seventieth anniversary year.

Jacque has posted information in the sign boards in several parks with the types of trees that were planted.

Thanks to Mary Ryherd and her husband as well.

Benches + Wayfinding UPDATE

Mark's bench is finished, the replacement bench for Broadmoor Park is finished and both benches were shipped out last week and should be in Mission within 7-10 business days. Mary Funk is going to get a bench in Mohawk Park and Mary and Mark will have a meeting to decide where to place the benches. Penn will join so he knows where the concrete pad will go.

Karin commented that she had been in Mohawk Park talking to patrons and they requested more benches and tables in that park, so the bench will be well received.

Adopt-A-Park, The Redwood Group, LLC

The City of Mission Facebook page has a post from the Redwood Group, LLC helping to beautify Pearl Harbor Park. Forty bags of mulch was spread and fifty plus plants were planted and one hour of raking, seeding, digging and pruning. Thank you Amy for helping make this happen by knowing the contact at the Redwood Group.

They are planning another activity in another month.

MFAC Pool Filling

Cracks have been repaired.

Staff painted over each of the crack repairs and the racing stripes in the pool.

Pools are filled and pumps are being checked.

Plan on opening on time.

Mission Marlins will be utilizing the pool this summer.

Hours of operation will be 12-7pm- Monday – Saturday and 12-6pm on Sunday.

80% staffed.

We would like to have another 5-7 staff members to run both facilities.

If unable to staff, we would close down the indoor pool first.

Memberships are coming in.

Ben shared a post from Indoor regarding the capacity of the pool.

Campers will be at the pool from 12-3pm Monday – Thursday.

We are planning on opening up 80 spots for reservations and 20 spots for drop-ins.

We will be adjusting over the 1st two weeks of the season.

Reservations will be per talking to a staff member.

Currently we are making arrangements.

Can be 3-5 people in a lane, but has not been determined yet.

Open to all rentals during hours of operation.

No Tan and Float and Kiddie Pool Play Time at the start of the season.

Anne thanked Penn for making the pool opening happen this year.
Great to have times for laps for adults.

Mohawk Park Public Mtg – Thu June 10 @ 6PM

Penn is hoping to have information from the Land + Water Conservation Grant to be able to share with the public. Hoping to have plans to share with the patrons on the upgrades and improvements for Mohawk Park.

Meeting will be in person at the Community Center.

Penn stated it would be great if PRT can be in attendance. Jacque and Mark stated they both will be in attendance.

Broadmoor Park Public Mtg – Tue, Jun 22 @7PM

This is the first official meeting. Show the designs, gathering feedback. Participants will be able to fill out cards with what they like and not like and then staff will finalize the conceptual design and have another meeting later.

Penn will be the Master of Ceremonies for this meeting.

This is exciting!

Hope to have a groundbreaking within the next year if we get the grant for Mohawk Park.

Penn gave information on what Phase 1 would look like for Mohawk Park.

Penn stated that PRT would need to recommend a timeline for completion for the five major parks.

He broke down the current time lines for stakeholder invites for each park.

Penn has an invitation list for the Waterworks Park stakeholders meeting.

Karin and Amy from PRT. A date has not yet been determined for this meeting. Typically meetings are on a Thursday evening, once a month.

Please email Penn with your specific interest in parks.

Anne thanked Penn for moving the group forward.

Sustainability Commission Invite (Emily – May)

Emily shared that the group visited the WCA Plant.

Jeremy Cooper, MRF plant manager, toured Mission Sustainability Commission members at WCA's Harrisonville recycling facility where the group conducted an impromptu load audit that uncovered clothing, a dead plant and other odd contaminants from a residential recycling route.

Lenny Lippert added about developing a training for members. He is a non-resident member of the commission.

An app was put out for a scorecard to invite new businesses to give them a score on sustainability. Salsa Grill and Thai Orchid have been invited.

Lenny asked how the Sustainability Commission would go about adopting a Park.

Penn asked Lenny to send him an email and he would send him the application process and all the necessary paperwork. Penn shared the other ideas behind adopting a park.

Beverly Park is up for adoption as well as Broadmoor and Mohawk.

Only two parks are currently adopted. Pearl Harbor and Waterworks Park.

Lenny requested a list of the cross streets and parks and it was suggested that the website has great information.

Jacque volunteered to attend the next Sustainability Commission Meeting on June 7th. It should be at Sylvester Powell, at 6:30 pm. Ben stated that it is on the City calendar on the website.

DISCUSSION:

Volunteers for Sat, Broadmoor bathroom check?

Penn requested volunteers for Saturday, Broadmoor bathroom check.

Penn stated that we would like to keep the bathroom open on Saturday and into Sunday.

Penn requested a volunteer to check on the bathroom. A member to go by and check the bathroom on Saturday afternoon/evening to check to make sure it is clean, and no loitering is going on.

A rotating schedule would be nice so someone does not have the responsibility all the time.

Penn will create an excel document to share with everyone who is interested in volunteering. He will share on the document how to get extra toilet paper, etc.

Park Code Analysis – youth members; chair election; only pedestrian use on trails:

Youth Members – How did we get them before? Anne stated that the Parks & Recreation Director contacted the high school for those students who needed service hours.

Jacque stated that it is still a great opportunity.

Emily volunteered to take on the task of contacting the school and getting the volunteer. She will call the high schools. Jacque suggested reaching out to Next Door for home school kids.

This is a great opportunity for resumes and for National Honor Society, Eagle Scouts, etc.

Contact the school counselors.

We would have room for one member.

Chair election - Anne feels like we need to have a discussion before November so we are prepared for the election process.

Members of the commission would nominate a person, then bring those nominations to all the members to review.

We would have nominations in November brought to the commission and then vote in December.

Chair and vice-chair will be elected in December to begin in January.

Anne suggested that Penn add this to the calendar so it is scheduled and does not sneak up on us.

Jacque feels like it should be written as annual.

Pedestrian use on the trails.

Anne looked at other park ordinances. Merriam has an ordinance similar to that of the City of Mission.

Penn reached out to Bike Walk KC and shared some standards from Michael Kelley – Policy Director of Bike Walk KC.

- In general, replace “walking trails” with “multi-use trails” to reflect the myriad users (pedestrians, cyclists, disabled users, micro mobility users).
- In general, when expanding this use to cyclists, if the commission wants to allow the use of e-bikes, it would help to define which classes of e-bikes should be allowed on the trail.
- It would also help to define which sorts of micro mobility devices (kick scooters, electric scooters, skateboards, etc.) are allowed and not allowed on the trail.

Section 230.090

Replace the language “shall only be used by pedestrians” with “**shall be available for use to pedestrians, cyclists, disabled users, and other micro mobility devices as defined earlier.**”

230.260

At the very least, I would recommend removing "Bicycles" and "other wheeled vehicles" from this list, as there are other assistive devices which could be used by disabled users which may currently run afoul of this language. (This recommendation is from Michael Kelley, Bike Walk KC).

Anne would like to consider encouraging motorized vehicles to stay on streets.

Penn will add the line that he recommended and will share in our next meeting. Anne requested that the information will be shared with her at least 2 weeks prior to the next meeting so she can go over this information.

Also add a sentence that pedestrians have the right of way.

Ben also suggested that everyone not go faster than 5 miles per hour.

Jacque wanted to make some comments on Chapter 230 on the Commission being advisory commission to the City Council and not administrators. - Add language that says we are advising the city on administrating the policies.

230.020 - The commissions review function.

Anne suggested Jacque rewrite her proposal and send it to Penn.

230.030. Commission will review and recommend budget allocations.

PRT Calendar of Discussion Review:

Penn added the review of chair and vice chair for upcoming elections.

Penn asked if we want to remove the Park Tours since we had completed those for this year.

Mark recommended that all new members become familiar with each park.

Anne suggested dividing the parks for each year.

Anne suggested that we have a retreat each year to get out into the parks to keep discussion open.

Ben announced he is running for Council Ward IV to replace Sollie Flora, who is running for Mayor.

Everyone congratulated Ben. He will be able to stay on the Commission until the end of his term if he is elected.

Next meeting –Monday, June 21, 2021 – 6:00 pm in person at the Community Center.
Hope to have some new signs in the Community Center before then.
New signs going up in Mission.

Mark Raduziner moved to adjourn the meeting.

Karin Capron seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 9-0.

Meeting adjourned a 7:34 pm

Faithfully submitted by Kathy Lockard, Administrative Supervisor, Parks + Recreation