



## PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MINUTES

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### REGULAR MEETING – May 19, 2022

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

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| X | Jim Wise      | X | Kate Hancock - Cooke | X | Gary Lawell     |
| X | Peter Kelly   | X | Jim Vedder           | X | Ted Galloway    |
| X | Lee Hillstrom | X | Ashley Ondresky      | X | Brian Borchardt |

#### STAFF PRESENT

X Michael T. Kading, Director of Parks & Recreation  
Jim Kluge, Superintendent of Recreation  
Trevor Fink, Superintendent of Parks  
Stephanie Schott, Recreation Supervisor

OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Saxby, SEH; Gerry Andrews

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY Commissioner Hancock-Cooke at 4:30 P.M.**

#### CORRESPONDENCE

None.

#### APPEARANCES

Gerry Andrews inquired about the status of Carpenters Preserve. Director Kading responded that Carpenter Preserve remaster plan is scheduled for 2023 in the CIP with development dollars in 2024/25. Gerry expressed interest in helping to develop a volunteer team to conduct work within the park.

#### MINUTES

MSC Hillstrom / Borchardt to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2022 as amended. All voting aye.

#### BILL VOUCHERS

Commissioner Hancock-Cooke will review the vouchers for May next week.

#### MISSION ACTION REPORT

The report was distributed earlier. The following items were discussed:

- Commissioner Ondresky noted that Memorial Park was in great shape for the soccer tournament, lots of kids were enjoying the new play equipment near the Tullar Shelter.
  - Director Kading added to the written report that Recreation Staff has been working closely with the school district while attending an English as second language program, speaking to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Horace Mann, leading bike rodeos. Kading further indicated that he is working with Finance and IT to come up with some sort of solution to allow individuals to donate via electronic means, the pool is up and running and that supply chain issues may impact our operations, specifically the pool.
  - Commissioner Hillstrom asked for a Shattuck Park update. Director Kading indicated that the concrete should be complete Friday, May 20 site restoration is to be finished next week and the water play feature will be tested on Tuesday, May 24.
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- Commission Galloway indicated that supply chain issues are impacting all businesses and organizations. He further noted that he understands the caution being displayed by IT/Finance as it relates to a third party donation opportunity.
- Commissioner Hancock-Cooke advocated that we explore a Park Finder App.
- Commissioner Lawell inquired about the game plan to move the Cook Park Sign. Kading indicated that his recommendation would be to incorporate this into the 2023 redevelopment of the park.
- Birds scooters within the park system was discussed. There was concern expressed about the private gain within in a public facility, number of scooter accumulating within various parks and the speed at which people can drive them in the parks. Kading indicated that a follow up meeting is scheduled for early June to discuss the status of the scooters throughout the city. He requested that commissioners direct further comments to him prior to the meeting.

### **BUSINESS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **BUSINESS ITEM #1: Final Arrowhead Pier Design Approval**

Director Kading reviewed the process that we have taken to arrive at this point in the journey including working with the commission to arrive at a preferred pier design to meeting the DNR to gain final approval. Jeff Saxby, SHE reviewed the preferred design including the reduction of pilings, revised decking as requested by the DNR. Jeff further noted that the pier would have railings along the path leading to the gathering platform at that the Nelson monument has been noted in the rendering.

Commissioner Comments: There remains some concern with the quiet water launch and pedestrian conflicts. After further investigation the depths of the water near the pier seem to be deeper than previously indicated. This may be due to the dredging that occurred during the PCB removal project. Bench seat backs should not prohibit police visual sight lines.

**Action Taken:** MSC Lawell / Kelly to accept the final pier design as presented and authorize staff to move forward into final design, bidding and construction phases. All voting aye.

#### **BUSINESS ITEM #2: 2022 CIP Report**

Director Kading reviewed the updated status of the 2022 CIP.

#### **BUSINESS ITEM #3: Announcements & Future Agenda Items**

Commissioner Hancock – Cooke questioned whether hosting the commission meeting in the parks was meeting the intent of engaging residents.

### **LIAISON REPORTS**

**PLANS COMMISSION:** Hancock-Cooke – No report

**HARBOR COMMITTEE:** Galloway - No report

MSC Hillstrom / Kelly to adjourn at 5:50

Recorded for the Commission by Michael T. Kading, CPRP