

City of Aurora Park Board Minutes

Aurora City Hall - Council Chamber

2 W. Pleasant St.

Aurora, Missouri 65605

Thursday, December 15, 2022 - 6 P.M.

12/15/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Dillman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

President Dillman - *Present*

Vice President - *Vacant*

Board Member Kennedy - *Present*

Board Member Breeding - *Absent*

Board Member Murray - *Absent*

Board Member Pettit - *Present*

Board Member Williams - *Present*

Council Liaison Theresa Pettit - *Present*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.I. Approval Of Minutes - Park Board Meeting 11/10/2022

President Dillman made a motion to Approve Park Board Minutes from November 10, 2022. Board Member Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

President Dillman - *Aye*

Vice President - *Vacant*

Board Member Kennedy - *Aye*

Board Member Breeding - *Absent*

Board Member Murray - *Absent*

Board Member Pettit - *Aye*

Board Member Williams - *Aye*

Council Liaison Theresa Pettit

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.I. MPRA CONFERENCE - JON HOLMES

Assistant City Manager, Carrie Howlett addressed Park Board with information on the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association (MPRA) Conference. Now that we are members of the MPRA, anyone interested in going to the conference needs to contact the City Clerk, Kamy Kulow.

4.II. TRAILS DEVELOPMENT UPDATE - JON HOLMES

Assistant City Manager, Carrie Howlett addressed Park Board with an update about Baldwin Park trails. The City Manager and Public Works Superintendent, Jason Jordan are working on checking the availability of materials to use for a primitive trail for the Spring of 2023.

For non city owned properties, easements are necessary and many signatures are required and a lengthy process.

Received a \$450,000 Grant through TAP to be used for a trail from Crosby Park to Robinson School. Along that ADA compliant trail will be a picnic area. Waiting on a contract from MoDOT and then it will go for bid for engineering. Break ground in spring of 2023 and looking at a completion date for the spring of 2025.

The City Manager is working on an application for a 50/50 grant from the Missouri Department of Conservation Trails Grant Program in the amount of \$250,000. This will include White Park around the Little League, Bridge replacement on Harrison and South Street and trail extension. The application will be submitted in February.

Another grant application in the amount of \$417,000 has been submitted to help move the ballfields from White Park to Baldwin Park. We do not yet know the results.

4.III. ADA COMPLIANCE UPDATE - JON HOLMES/TRAVIS WITTENBORN

Interim Parks and Recreation Parks Director, Travis Wittenborn addressed Park Board with ADA Compliance update on the City owned Parks.

Document for ADA Compliance finished is attached.

Corrections pending list also attached.

White Park restrooms still a concern as there is a water leak and also in the floodway. The goal is to move everything higher and out of the floodway.

ADA Compliance time frame is to be completed within two years of the Parks Master Plan.

4.IV. BB LEAGUE UPDATE - TRAVIS WITTENBORN

Interim Parks and Recreation Director, Travis Wittenborn addressed Park Board with Youth Basketball League updates. There are over 140 kids signed up, raised over \$9200 in fees and sponsorships. 18+ teams including kids from Crane, Marionville and Aurora. 9 Team Sponsorships include logos of business on the back of the shirts provided to the kids. Games only will be played at the School Armory and Pate School. Practices will be held at the School Armory, Pate School, Harvest Church and Aurora Junior High. Games will start January 14, 2023. All gyms are booked through the first weekend in March and there will no concessions at this time. No charge for admission.

4.V. RECREATION CENTER DEVELOPMENT UPDATE - THERESA PETTIT/JON HOLMES/TRAVIS WITTENBORN

Council Liaison Pettit addressed Park Board with a Recreation Center Development Update from their previous meeting. Location of the Recreation Center is still of concern due to flooding and talks about a possible retention or detention pond to help with all the excess water. The budget for the Recreation Center is going to be used primarily for building and parking space. Recommendation of Fundraisers, Sponsorship

Campaigns for playgrounds, landscapes, trails and etc. Encouraged the board to seek Community Involvement for resources and potential grant opportunities.

4.VI. DISCUSSION - PROGRAMS/EVENTS - THERESA PETTIT/JON HOLMES

Assistant City Manager, Carrie Howlett addressed Park Board with programs and events done in phases. Encouraged Park Board members to come up with activities and events that can be implemented in phases to help stimulate the community. Not to offer everything at one time and be overloaded. Recommends to have an Operational Feasibility Study done to help pull in ideas and feedback on specific programs from different communities. Cost around \$20k-\$47K. Everyone seems to be on board but ultimately City Council will decide.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Pettit made a motion to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Councilman Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

President Dillman - *Aye*

Vice President - *Vacant*

Board Member Kennedy - *Aye*

Board Member Breeding - *Absent*

Board Member Murray - *Absent*

Board Member Pettit - *Aye*

Board Member Williams - *Aye*

Council Liaison Theresa Pettit