

City of Aurora Park Board

Aurora City Hall
City Council Chambers
2 W. Pleasant

Aurora, Missouri

Thursday, March 16th, 2023 6:00 PM

3/16/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Deb Dillman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

1.1. ROLL CALL

- President Dillman – *Present*
- Vice President - Vacant
- Board Member Brammell - *Present*
- Board Member Kennedy – *Present*
- Board Member Murray – *Present*
- Board Member Pettit – *Present*
- Board Member Williams – *Present*
- Councilwoman Pettit – *Present, ex officio*
- City Manager, Jon Holmes – *Present, ex officio*
- Interim Parks Director, Travis Wittenborn – *Present, ex officio*

President Dillman introduced the newest board member, David Brammell.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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City of Aurora Park Board Meeting - December 15, 2022

Board Member Pettit made a motion to approve Park Board Minutes from December 15, 2022. Board Member Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

- President Dillman – *Aye*
- Vice President - Vacant
- Board Member Brammell - *Aye*
- Board Member Kennedy – *Aye*
- Board Member Murray – *Aye*
- Board Member Pettit – *Aye*
- Board Member Williams – *Aye*

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1 Election of Vice President

- *President Dillman explained the main duty of the Vice President is to serve as acting President in the absence of the President of the Board. Board Member Kennedy nominated herself to be Vice President of the Board. Board Member Pettit made a motion to elect Board Member Kennedy as Vice President, and Board Member Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:*
- President Dillman – *Aye*
- Board Member Brammell - *Aye*

- Board Member Kennedy – Aye
- Board Member Murray – Aye
- Board Member Pettit – Aye
- Board Member Williams – Aye

3.II MPRA Conference Reports

- *Interim Parks Director Travis Wittenborn, Vice President Kennedy, Board Member Williams, Council Liaison Pettit, and President Dillman each shared the highlights and insights learned in the varying classes attended at the MPRA Conference, as pertaining to the Aurora Recreational Center and the Aurora City Parks.*
- *Council Liaison Pettit's notes attached*

3.III Staff Updates

- *Interim Parks Director, Travis Wittenborn gave an update on the City's Youth Basketball League and Youth Soccer League. For the City's first Youth Soccer League, over 100 children (ages 3 – 11 years old) have been broken up into 10 teams with 8 businesses participating as Sponsors. The Parks Department is working on the fields and getting all the facilities ready for the upcoming season. The Grand Opening of the Aurora Dog Park is scheduled for April 22nd and a Parks Clean-Up Day is scheduled for May 6th.*
- *City Manager, Jon Holmes addressed concerns about Legion Field. Legion Field is in a flood plain and is rarely used due to frequent flooding and moisture. City Manager, Jon Holmes sought agreement of the Park Board to present the idea to Council of beginning the process of disassembling Legion Park; removing fencing, bleachers, and other useful items, as plans are to move the fields to Baldwin Park in future. The Park Board then voted unanimously to present said idea to Council.*
- *City Manager, Jon Holmes continued to update the Park Board on grants both received and submitted and how they are being used and will be used as for the City of Aurora Parks, Recreational Center, trails, and bridges. ARPA grant money is currently being used to extend Wi-Fi to City facilities, the property for the Aurora Rec Center, Maple Park Cemetery, and City Parks.*

3.IV Plans for Summer and Fall Activities/Events

- *Plans for Summer and Fall Activities and Events were then discussed. The Aurora Youth Soccer League will end mid-May, ushering in Adult Softball Leagues for the Summer and another Soccer League for the fall. Several other ideas were mentioned for sports leagues and tournaments, including 3-on-3 basketball tournaments and disc golf tournaments.*

3.V Update from Decision-Making Team

- *Councilwoman Pettit gave a brief update from the Decision-Making Team. Soil samples will be taken for a detention pond on a portion of the Rec Center property. The Decision-Making Team also decided to reduce the size of the overall floorplan from 9,000 sq ft to 7,600 sq ft, reducing the overall cost to fit within the \$12M budget.*
- *A traffic study has not yet been completed pertaining to the entrance to the property from Hadley.*

3.VI Operational Feasibility Study

- *Councilwoman Pettit continued with an update concerning the Operational Feasibility Study. Ballard King and Associates and the City of Aurora have signed an agreement for Ballard King and Associates to assist the City in generating ideas for programs to begin with, the cost of running the Aurora Rec Center, staffing, etc.*
- *A meeting will be held at City Hall on Wednesday, March 22, from 2PM-6PM with Ballard King and Associates and City of Aurora Council to further discuss these plans.*

4. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Kennedy made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 PM. Board member Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

- President Dillman – Aye
- Vice President Kennedy - Aye
- Board Member Brammell - Aye
- Board Member Murray – Aye

- Board Member Pettit – Aye
- Board Member Williams – Aye