



PARKS & RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 – 4 PM | Council Chambers, City Hall

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. November 10th
3. Public Comment - Limit to three minutes per person
4. Continued Business: Committee Goals



5. Parks & Trails Plan
 - a. Review Survey Results
 - b. Review of Maps
6. Recreation Program Director's Updates:
 - a. Sean Herrick's report: 2nd/3rd grade Basketball ended before the Christmas break. 4th/5th grade Basketball will start mid-January. Cornhole League will start in January.
7. Committee Comments or Concerns:
8. Announcement of the next meeting
February 9th at 4 PM
9. Adjournment

Parks and Recreation Committee

Members

Amanda Bohrer | John Molendyke | John Skibsrud

Committee 2020 Goals

Short Term Goals, Six Months to One Year

Continued of support of the Parks & Trails Master Plan (if the City receives the grant, to serve in some capacity as a steering committee).
Purchase a soil screen for use at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Middle Term Goals, One to Three Years

· Install a restroom and water fountain at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Long Term Goals, four to Five Years

Continued effort to complete the Cemetery improvements described in the Capital Improvements Plan.

Wish List, Objectives Wanted to be Accomplished

None.

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PARKS & RECREATION

COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 4:00 PM | Second Floor, City Hall

Members Present: Amanda Bohrer, John Skibsrud, & John Molendyke

Members Absent: None

Mayor: Diana Solle

CAO: Brian Bender

Council Member: None

Staff: Trent Freeman, Cyndi Thompson

Consultants: Robie Culver, & Kathy Thompson (Stahly Engineering)

Guests: See sign in sheet

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairperson Bohrer called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

a. October 13th – Approval with unanimous consent

3. Public Comment - Limit to three minutes per person

a. None.

4. Continued Business

Existing items not listed to accommodate the planning session facilitated by Stahly Engineering.

5. Parks & Trails Plan

i. Summary of Plan contents: Committee Review.

- ii. Public opinion survey:** Committee Review: Robie Culver from Stahly Engineering presented a Draft of the Public Involvement Plan. The plan was broken down with Activity, Task Accomplish, & Anticipated Start/Completion. The survey needs to be made available to the public with possible Kiosk location for the public to get the survey and they can either drop it off or mail it in.

Chairperson Bohrer suggested seeing if Mr. Simpson from the High School will let the flyers be given to the teachers for distribution to the kids.

Member Skibsrud suggested using the local banks to see if they can send the survey out with monthly bank statements.

Robie Culver of Stahly asked about using the local paper as a press release directing the public where they can get a survey.

Chairperson Bohrer suggested the library placing a stack of surveys at their location.

iii. Finalize mapping exhibits for forthcoming public forum & Public Forum:

Robie Culver discussed having the Open House December 10th at the Community Center with an estimated time of 5:00pm-7:00pm. CAO Bender will verify the date and time is available.

Kathy Thompson with Stahly stated at the open house there will be maps with existing parks and trails lined out for the public to come and interact with the visual material presented for the public.

Robie Culver will be running a Public Announcement in the local paper on November 25th and December 2nd and this can also run on the City's website and Facebook.

Robie Culver asked that the Committee be present to assist the public at the public hearing on December 10th.

Chairperson Bohrer stated she will speak with the Government Teach to reach out to his students and crew for EG&D, Parks & Trails, & DUI Task Force, as long as we present to him exactly what we are asking he could present this information to the students and crew. We could also reach out to our Coaches to give this information to the students.

iv. Select media content and outlets.

Robie discussed what the best option for media content and outlets. Stahly will be putting together a website of the Park & Trails Plan for the community. Cyndi Thompson,

City Clerk stated the city does have a web page and a Facebook page and we can post Parks & Trails website to the City's media platforms directing the public to the Parks and Trails website plan.

Robie discussed a Press Release and other personal outreach ways to the Parks & Trails Plan. This will include reaching out the Chamber of Commerce and Silverstate Post.

Bob Rase suggested getting ahold of Bob Toole at the radio to get more public involvement.

6. Old Business

b. Parks & Trails Plan

CAO Bender stated the City has obtained a grant from the state to compile a Parks & Trails plan. This meeting is helping to establish and identify planning concepts.

Suggestions for future parks and trail facilities

Several committee members and guests made their suggestions individually on what could benefit the town, how to improve the existing parks and trails and discussed future parks and trails, what that could look like. The committee members and guests discussed the baseball fields and the improvements that need to be made.

Stahly Engineering stated this is our first step in getting your concept and brainstorming ideas out there on the table. Our next step is to take some of those ideas or all of those ideas together and have a public open house so the public can hear what the Committee is think about and comment on then and have their own ideas. We really want to engage that public process as well. That is the next step after our meeting today.

The Committee discussed the following goals and/or improved / expanded facilities:

1. Pickleball courts and exercise equipment on trails.
2. New or restored courts (basket / tennis).
3. Recreation center to accommodate numerous amenities.
4. Improve and maintain existing facilities.
5. Naming of fields (Elks grant).
6. West Side Park improvements (plant trees for shade).
7. Active centers – skate park.
8. Trail connectivity – dedicated trails to create a four-mile loop.
9. Paved trails for winter use.
10. Poor conditions on softball fields (prohibits league play and tournaments).
11. Splash park – water center for kids.
12. Security devices.
13. Little league development.

7. Recreation Program Directors Update

- a. Sean Herrick provided a quick summary and emphasized the limitations COVID-19 has placed on the program.

8. Committee Comments or Concerns

None.

9. Announcement of the Next Meeting

Chairperson Bohrer announced December 8th at 4:00pm as the date and time for the next meeting.

10. Adjournment

Ms. Bohrer adjourned the meeting at 5:00PM.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Amanda Bohrer, Chairperson

Date

Parks & Recreation Committee

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