

Bryant Parks Committee Minutes

January 13,2020

6:00 p.m. Parks Admin Building

Call Mtg to Order

Amanda Jolly Called Mtg to Order

In attendance

Richard Mckeown, Andera Hooten, Joyce Boswell, Jay Lasey, Carla Epinette, Chris Treat

Comments from the Public

None

Approval of Minutes

Richard M, Joyce 2nd

Associations and Club Reports

CASM handed out information and time line for spring programming.

Derek Phillips reported on improvements to the interior walls at the B&G Club.

Directors Report

Treat gave an update on Ashley Park is finished we will open it in March. Phase two will include upgrades to the pavilion, a restroom, and playground.

Treat gave information on the purchase of land from Reynolds approved by City Council December of 2019.

Amanda asked about the progress on getting a road connected from Sleepy Village to the back of the park. Treat updated that city has purchased the right of way and is looking at cost to build the road.

Richard asked about further land purchases specifically north of the interstate. Treat answered that the highest priority north of the interstate is developing the park land west of Midland Park.

Carla asked about small park plans. Treat reminded the committee about the plans to get restrooms at Ashley and Alcoa Parks in 2020. She would like to see a plan for the Springhill Playground.

Finance Report

Treat went over new budget report format. Highlighting the Departments success in generating non taxed revenue.

Richard asked about how the Departments funding measures up to funding in surrounding cities. Treat referred back to the 2016 U of A study's findings that the biggest funding gap for the Department was in

capital improvements and repairs. Treat also reminded the committee of his opinion that the Department optimum budget would be in the 3.2-million-dollar mark.

Jay asked for general payroll and overtime to be included on the report. Treat gave some details on the current city salary guidelines and strong comp time policies.

Alcohol Permits

None

Old Business

Treat reported on the council's conversation about the parks sign. He explained the council's decision to replace the parks logo with the new city seal on the signs. The signs are currently on hold. Committee members expressed their desire to have the parks logo not the city seal on the park signs. Richard and Andrea commented on the desire for city council is to have a unified branding and look for the city. Jay brought up the idea of a survey of citizens.

The committee asked Andrea to work with members of council and members of parks committee to work towards a solution.

New Business

Carla Motioned, Andrea 2nd to approve the Bryant LaX use agreement.

Miscellaneous

Andrea motion to add election of chairperson to agenda, Carla 2nd.

Joyce nominates Amanda, Richard 2nd all in favor, Amanda elected chair.

Adjourn

Joyce motion, Carla 2nd to Adjourn all in favor.