

APPROVED



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, March 4, 2019

Meeting Called to Order: 5:04 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:05 p.m.

Meeting Location: Downtown Activities Center – 215 SW A Street

Attending Board Members: Justin Hundley Mike Power Whitney Sutherland
Cortney Carlson Dan Grover
Steven George Craig Gilbert

Attending Staff Members: David Wright Lee Farmer Tracy Acosta

Other: Sarah Butcher, Mike Abb, Melissa Gute

Old Business

Approval of February 4, 2019 Minutes

Motion to Approve by: Whitney Sutherland

Seconded the Motion: Steven George

New Business

Public Art Approval – Memorial Park Basketball Courts

Mike Abb, with Runway NWA, and Sarah Butcher with the Ignite Program launched a project with the Ignite Program through Bentonville Public Schools which allows students to create art on basketball courts. This had been previously discussed with another business, however their proposals included logos and mascots which unfortunately the City Ordinance does not allow. Mike shared with the committee the process of covering the courts with the new designs. The design work would last approximately five to ten year using stain to cover the court surface. Mike said there was \$50,000 budgeted for this project. Bentonville Parks and Recreation would not be responsible for resurfacing the courts only maintaining the goals and nets. The upkeep of this art project would continue to be the responsibly of the Ignite Program. During the initial meeting with the Ignite Program, it was decided that a decade theme would be used to design the courts. This design would be in keeping with the urban type setting he design would be a more urban type setting. Courtney Carlson suggested having signage showing the Ignite Program was responsible for the design of the courts. David asked for a vote from the board members to approve the project. If the committee approves, it will then go to the Public Art Committee for approval. The Art Committee will work directly with the students to choose the four designs to be used.

Motion to Approve by: Cortney Carlson

Seconded the Motion: Mike Power

Project updates Timelines - Quilt of Parks Master Plan

David explained the Quilt of Parks project to the committee. The Quilt of Parks is part of the Ten Year Master Plan. This project will allow the downtown parks to be redefined but connect to complement events and festivals. David will interview three firms and after approval, will hire the best firm that fits our needs. He will also visit other sites that have similar needs as our downtown area. Visiting other locations will assist in the decision making of which firm to use.

Bentonville Half Marathon Update

Lee Farmer shared information regarding the Half Marathon which is being held on Saturday, March 30, 2019. Currently there are 2,337 registered. This includes 2,072 half marathon runners, 138 5K runners, and 126 half marathon relay runners registered. Lee showed the committee some of the items finishers would receive. There will be a VIP Luncheon on March 25th at the Bentonville Community Center. The packet pickup will be at The Record this year, on March 29th.

Other Business

Bella Vista Lake

Mayor Stephanie Orman has given us permission to have an exploratory judgement filed. This will be a peaceful productive process. David again stated he does not have an opinion and is only representing the board and their decision.