



## **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** Monday, August 3, 2020

**Meeting Called to Order:** 5:02 p.m.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:06 p.m.

**Meeting Location:** Zoom

**Attending Board Members:**

Chris Sooter	Mike Power	Whitney Sutherland
Cortney Carlson	Craig Gilbert	Stephen George
Dan Grover	Justin Hundley	Michelle Malashock

**Attending Staff Members:**

David Wright	Josh Stacey	Crant Osborne
Wade Tomlinson	Tracy Acosta	

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### **Old Business**

#### **Approval of August 3, 2020 Minutes**

Motion to Approve by:	Mike Power
Seconded the Motion:	Justin Hundley
Voted in Favor:	All
Voted Opposed:	None

### **New Business**

#### **Phillips Park Design Plans**

David Wright discussed the history of the 50 acre Phillips Park and how it was developed over the years. The first field (Field 1) was constructed by volunteers for Bentonville High School baseball so it has significant meaning to many people. The current park and fields are old and outdated. He is presenting two options for the board to review. These options allow for a central area which will allow for easier programming as well as for citizens to access restrooms and concessions. The first option would have 15 fields and include a Facility Maintenance Complex that would maximize all 50 acres. Option one has an estimated project cost of \$15.5MM. The second option would have 13 fields which would also include a Facility Maintenance Complex, a civic space and potential new splash park as well as dog park. Option two has an estimated project cost of \$11.5MM.

#### **8<sup>th</sup> Street Gateway Park Reveal – Website Review**

The conceptual design of this park is 85% complete. David said he is prepared to reveal to the public. He has concern of how to reveal to the public due to COVID-19. There will be more discussion regarding the public reveal. However, a website has been created by the design team allowing the public to review the plan of the \$16.9MM project. This website will be released in the next ten days.

#### **Upcoming Projects**

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, our department has taken a huge hit financially according to David Wright. He discussed six projects with the board members and how these projects are going to be completed due to the financial strain we are experiencing as a city department. The projects mentioned are 8<sup>th</sup> Street Gateway Park, Melvin Ford Aquatic Center, 28<sup>th</sup> Street Park/Trail, West Side Loop Trail, Phillips Park, Quilt of Parks (Commons/Dave Peel/Promenade).

**Other Business**

Melvin Ford Aquatic Center closed for the season on August 16, 2020

Soccer, baseball and softball will all have an abbreviated seasons this fall. We are waiting on an announcement in next ten days from the Governor Hutchinson as to how the fall sports season will be ran due to COVID-19.

Bella Vista Lake Trail will be next week

Next PRAB meeting will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The date change is due to Labor Day holiday this year.

APPROVED