



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, March 2, 2020

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

Meeting Adjourned: 6:13 p.m.

Meeting Location: Downtown Activity Center – 215 SW A Street

Attending Board Members: Chris Sooter Mike Power Cortney Carlson
Justin Hundley Steven George Craig Gilbert
Dan Grover Cortney Schaffer Whitney Sutherland
Eileen Patrick

Attending Staff Members: David Wright Josh Stacey Crant Osborne
Wade Tomlinson

Old Business

Approval of February 3, 2020 Minutes

Motion to Approve by: Mike Power
Seconded the Motion: Steven George

New Business

Presentation by Team Flame of the Lego Robotics Organization- Signage at Dave Peel Park

Wade Tomlinson has worked with Team Flame to create a sign for Dave Peel Park which shows games and activities kids can play at the park. The members of Team Flame presented their project and told the PRAB the origins of the idea was to give older kids some new activity ideas for when they run out of ideas for ways to play at the park. The sign was originally planned to be 18x24in but Eileen Patrick asked that we consider making the sign larger so it would be easier to read and notice. PRAB discussed an unveiling event at the park during the May meeting as well as a Press Play video of the event.

Motion to Approve by: Cortney Carlson
Seconded the Motion: Steven George
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

Public Art Approval- Art Feeds at Citizens Park Playground

Meg Bourne with Art Feeds presented to the PRAB for the proposed mural to be placed at Citizens Park Playground. The mural is being designed and draw by students at the Sunshine School. Art Feeds works with the students to create a design and theme for the project and building a collaborate mural with all their ideas and drawings. The mural as requested to be put at Citizens Park Playground by the students and staff at the school. The mural will be revealed on May 16th at an unveiling event at the park. PRAB asked about the life expectancy of the mural which is a guarantee of 4 years but many last longer than that. Meg said the options exist to either replace the mural once it has reached its guaranteed life cycle or to just remove it from the park.

Motion to Approve by: Mike Power
Seconded the Motion: Whitney Sutherland
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

Public Art Approval- ColorFULL at Park Springs Park

ColorFULL is an art project to paint renderings from the book by the same name on some of the pillars in Park Springs Park. A local art teacher proposed the idea and he and his students will be completing the paintings. PRAB was concerned about graffiti, since the pillars currently have graffiti on them, and asked that we consider putting the anti-graffiti coating on the art once it is complete.

Motion to Approve by: Cortney Carlson
Seconded the Motion: Justin Hundley
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

Bike Trails and Skills Course at Slaughter Pen- NWA Trailblazers

Hogan Koesis from the NWA Trailblazers presented the idea of moving the current Trials obstacles located at the Slaughter Pen Free Ride Park to a new location just north of the waste water treatment plant along the Razorback Greenway. The Trailblazers are currently remodeling the area around the Trials obstacles and need to move them to allow them to continue to be used. Hogan said that an additional 21 features will be added to the new location and will offer obstacles for all levels of riders. This location may serve as the permanent location for these obstacles or the obstacles could be moved back to the original location after the completion of the work there. David Wright informed the PRAB that 8 years ago the board approved this location for a Trials space. The completion of this project is expected to be by the end of March.

Motion to Approve by: Whitney Sutherland
Seconded the Motion: Eileen Patrick
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

Approval of the 2019 Annual Report

The PRAB approved the 2019 Annual Report with the request to make some minor changes in design before printing. Fixing and gold frames around photos to not overlap and to correct some small typos and grammatical errors.

Motion to Approve by: Justin Hundley
Seconded the Motion: Eileen Patrick
Voted in Favor: All
Voted Opposed: None

Other

David Wright shared an update on the Quilt of Parks and Connect Bentonville Plans. The Quilt of Parks plan is expected to be ready for approval at the April meeting.

David Wright shared that the results and first drafts of the 8th Street Park plans should be ready to be shared with the PRAB in 90 days. David will also share the current feedback with the board.

Mike Power recommended doing a field trip with the board to see the additions at Slaughter Pen and other parks. The board discussed May as being a field trip meeting with the Dave Peel Park sign project involved.