



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, February 3, 2020

Meeting Called to Order: 5:06 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:09 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 Tracy Acosta

Old Business

Approval of January 6, 2020 Minutes

Motion to Approve by: Cortney Carlson
Seconded the Motion: Chris Sooter

New Business

2019 Annual Report Draft Review

David Wright advised board members the final draft of the 2019 Annual Report would be sent out February 12, 2020 for the members to review.

8th Street Gateway Park – Public Meeting – February 8

Our Parks Department along with the design group, PORT Urbanism, will host a drop in public meeting on February 8th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held on Melissa Street on the actual property that is being donated. There will be food trucks, guided hike through the property as well as a heated tent.

Motion to Approve by: Cortney Carlson
Seconded the Motion: Dan Grover

QOP Public Presentation / Connect Bentonville Public Meeting – February 20

David has been in front of many community members discussing the Quilt of Parks project. The main topic at this point is the Festival Street. Many citizens are suggesting the Festival Street to be closed entirely. The closure of the street would make the area more secure. There will be another public meeting on February 20th at the Bentonville Community Center between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Whitney was concerned the name of the project is a misnomer. She does not feel the community understands and what the Quilt of Parks encompasses. Our Marketing staff needs to change the marketing material to similar of the 8th Street Gateway postcard. We really want more community participation!

Other

David Wright shared with the members the Bentonville School district will have no bus routes within a mile of the schools. This will impact the Bike and Pedestrian plan as it will need to include sidewalk infrastructure.

Cortney was complimentary to our department for everything they do. She mentioned several items such as the budget for the department, annual report, and all of the capital projects.