



**MEETING MINUTES
PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**

June 21, 2023 | 7:00 PM

1. Call To Order at 7:05 PM; Quorum established.

Present: HANSEN, HEUREMANN, LEE, PERSON

Absent: NEEL, BUDKE, RICH

Also in attendance, but not counted towards a quorum, were:

Mayor Protem, Missy Waldman

Parks & Recreation Director, Beverly Tucker Knight

Parks and Recreation Assistant Director – Patrick Magee

2. Hearing From Citizens – None

3. Written Communications – None

4. On a MOTION by: HEURMANN SECOND by LEE the regular meeting minutes of April 19, 2023 were APPROVED (4-0).

5. Director's Report

a. Recreation Division Update

i. Youth baseball season has concluded. Youth soccer registration is running ahead of previous years and anticipate higher numbers this season due to collaboration with Olivette.

b. Spring Break Camp- contracted with Mad Science with Secret Agent Lab, held at the City Center.

c. Summer Camp Update-registration is ongoing.

d. Park Division Update-rainfall has been almost nonexistent causing Parks staff to spend a lot of time watering in both new and established plants. Parks also added a new Polaris UTV to their vehicle fleet to help with year-round park and path maintenance.

e. Olivette in Bloom-First phase of planting at Veterans Plaza has been completed. Volunteers have been hand watering until irrigation issues are resolved.

6. City Council Report

Update from Mayor Protem, Missy Waldman, on behalf of Mayor Maxine Weil

a. Good feedback about park amenities from families while visiting our parks.

b. Council turned down dispensary proposal.

c. New City Manager, Jennifer Yackley will be starting on August 7. She was previously City Manager in Rock Hill.

7. Parks & Recreation Commission Noms

PARC Commission Norms and Ethics for Public Positions were distributed. No action was taken.

8. PARC Annual Election

No action was taken, preference stated to align Chair & Vice Chair selection with appointment terms. Elections will be rescheduled for August 2023.

9. Park Master Plan Implementation

- a. Monthly update on implementation of the Parks Master Plan through Prop C funding.
- b. Five Oaks and Warson Park
 - i. Project Dashboard- update on budget and current activities.
 - ii. Surveying is complete for play areas going in on the old building site it complete, grading for the new splashpad has begun.
- c. Indian Meadows, Irv Zeid, Stacy, and Villa Parks
 - i. Splashpad has opened at Villa.
 - ii. Volunteer work day is scheduled at Irv Zeid to remove mesh before dog park opening in July.
- d. Veterans Plaza- irrigation was not winterized by contractor, repairs are needed.

10. Annual Work Plan and Commissioner Reports

- a. Park Openings- Discussions began for park openings among the Special Event Working Group and commissions recommended swapping Indian Meadow and Irv Zeid opening events. Groups to meet with recreation staff to plan.

11. Future Agenda Items

- a. Annual Work Plan Commissioner Reports-ongoing
- b. Park Master Plan Implementation- ongoing
- c. Annual Chair & Vice Chair election – August
- d. ACA Cricket Pitch Donation

12. Upcoming Dates of Importance

- June 22 Sweet Reads Mobile Library (Hillcrest School)
- June 22 Volunteer Work Session at the Dog Park
- June 29 Stacy Starry Nights
- June 30 Youth Soccer Registration closes
- July 4 Independence Day, City offices closed
- July 5 Facility Rentals begin at Five Oaks on Warson
- July 8 Garden Work Day, Olivette in Bloom
- July 10 Membership Sales begin for Five Oaks on Warson
- July 19 Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting | City Center

On a MOTION by LEE, SECOND by HANSEN the meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm (4-0)

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