

Parks and Recreation Board
 January 20, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.
 Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities, 1920 Grand Avenue

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Lanham, Annette	(17-1)	02/03/25
	Montegna, Eric	(5-1)	06/28/26
	Mooney, Scott	(4-2)	06/28/26
	Nelson, Pam	(25-3)	02/03/24
	Nelson, Scott	(14-2)	07/27/25
	Supple-Bish, Mary	(22-6)	02/03/24
MEMBERS ABSENT :	Clark, Chris	(16-12)	02/11/24
	Heim, Michael	(20-8)	02/03/24
	Luedtke, Patti	(14-1)	08/31/25
STAFF PRESENT:	Jeff Atkins, Assistant Director Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Jessica Oshel, Special Events & Communication Coordinator		

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Call to Order.

Chairman Chris Clark was absent. Scott Mooney called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

ITEM #2 - Approval of minutes

November 2021 minutes approved

ITEM #3 – Updates:

a. Park Tax Projects and Funding – Council approved the Resolution for \$5 million in Bonds. The bonding process agents can get started. Look at approval either last meeting in February or first in March. We are trying to get a head start on gathering information and specifications for projects and rolling stock & equipment.

We have completed several Resolutions to accept bids for mowers with delivery after March 20.

Fairview

Scott Nelson – will there be issues with getting the equipment and rolling stock.

Jeff Atkins – the distributors have stated that it wouldn't be any issue.

Fairview Ponds we are redesigning and trying to redirect water

Civic Arena sidewalks on the east side are undermined. We are possibly getting assistance from the City sidewalk funds

Missouri Theater the barrel roof will be replaced. City has lists of contractors and hopefully we can be done by late spring

Aquatic lap pool – request for proposal going out. Will be given a specific dollar amount and the committee will choose from proposals.

Krug Park – request for qualifications – bowl/amphitheater, walls, children's circus, etc. have one design team instead of several.

Scott Mooney – have we identified any yet who we feel can do the work

Jeff Atkins – not yet, sometimes they will team up with several companies instead of one to do all.

Disc Golf – new 18-hole course, which will be our second course. we are not sure where the course will be placed.

Civic Arena – Schneider Electric for the lighting, HVAC or anything energy related. Datronic for the signage. The seating companies are saying it can be a year out for them.

- b. Holiday Park Update – 2021 was the 41st year of Holiday Park. The displays were bigger and better. We received calls from communication center to help with traffic. Santa usually closes shop at 9am, but there were a lot of nights we were unable to shut down until around 10:30 before all the kids were able to get through (more than prior years.) We received a lot of compliments. Had to shut down 3 days j- 1 from the major windstorm and the last 2 nights due to snow and ice. Donations were a little higher this year.
- c. River Bluff Trails Updates – Nomad working on more, but the next area we are still finalizing ownership. Will continue in spring. Bridge construction (300 ft bridge) is progressing. Nomad will help with some on the opposite side. They are on schedule for early to late spring.
 - Pam Nelson – good publicity
 - Jeff Atkins – we have been working on marketing materials.
- d. Budget Preparation – We will begin the budget process for the FY23 fiscal year.
 - Scott Nelson – who does the golf budget?
 - Jeff Atkins – we do, with help from Penny and Reggie
- e. Horace Mann Building/John Lucas Recap – Completed – Renovation Celebration ribbon cutting scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 4pm. The total cost of project \$1,208,000. Work completed by Schneider and Herner. There will be some small projects we will complete with the remaining available funds.
- f. Maintenance Rodeo – Missouri Parks & Recreation Association (MPRA) Region 1 event was held on January 19 at the Civic Arena. We had around 60 registered – Liberty, Maryville, Lee’s Summit, Grainvalley, etc. attended as well as 2 teams from us. Jacob McCully & Zach Parks won the Truck and Trailer Challenge. The event began around 5 years ago. Region 1 switches every other year with Sedalia. The purpose of this is to get maintenance staff involved with the fun, competitions, and obstacle course. They can have fun and interact with other people who do the same type of work they do every day. This year we had a non-competition fun event of cornhole. We had all the people registered and drew teams, so everyone’s partner was from another city. We had give aways from CVB, MPRA, KC Bobcat, and St. Joe Tractor. St. Joe Tractor has offered to provide all the equipment for next year’s event.

ITEM #3 – Upcoming Events

- a. Adult Cornhole league began this week – 6-week league played at Fairview Golf Course Banquet Room
- b. No events planned for February.
- c. April 2 – Outlaw Adventure Run – partnering with the YWCA GRIT Center. The venue has changed to Heritage Park.

ITEM #4 –Open Discussion

- a. Scott Nelson – At a previous meeting around October or November there was a KC meeting Chuck was going to find out how other city owned golf course’s handled golf pros. Jeff Atkins, it seemed like they were all hodge podge for a lot of different ways. None were a set standard.
Scott Nelson – Seems to be a huge opportunity for growth, not much promotion. Basically, only one men’s club group help. Really think there should be more stuff that can be done. Maybe try to get a head pro
Annette Lanham – they are promoting multiple posts on Facebook.
Scott Nelson – seems that it could produce more funds.
Scott Mooney – take any opportunity to promote, it is always good for everyone to promote and advertise. Get more interest and usage.
- b. River Bluffs Trail officially opens next spring 2023. Grand open in May, but there will be parts that aren’t open. Working with MWSU to research target audience and help us and CVB on marketing.
Mary Supple-Bish – kids safe area, trails meant for all ages. Nomad trails on Facebook and they post a lot on our trails.
- c. Scott Mooney – Corby Pond progress
Jeff Atkins – can’t work further until thaw but working on overflow structure. We are working on getting information and pricing from Tiger Docks. Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) is assisting on a grant that could reimburse us by up to 80% on two floating docks, which will replace the old one and new one at east end.

ITEM #5 –Public Comment

No public comments

ITEM #6 - Adjourn

A motion to adjourn meeting, seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 17, 2022, 4:00pm** at Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities office, 1920 Grand Avenue.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Lori Frederick, Executive Administrative Assistant