

Minutes
Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
August 27, 2012 – 6 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Hebekeuser.

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

Members Present: Chairman Jerry Hebekeuser; Commissioners Tim Alderman, Sherri Chavora, Michael Espich, and Jeff Selbig.

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; Mr. Dave Acton and Mr. Paul Early, Splash Pad Committee.

Approve Agenda for August 27, 2012:

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Chavora and supported by Commissioner Espich with the addition of Item # 5, Election of Vice Chair; and Item # 6, Discussion of the property at 300 S. Washington.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from July 23, 2012 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 23, 2012 meeting was made by Commissioner Espich and supported by Commissioner Chavora.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. July 23, 2012 minutes

Business:

1. Bentley playscape brick pavers

Mr. Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, commented that the brick pavers may be used as a walkway between the pavilion and the playscape. About 60 pavers were sold. It was noted that there was about \$6,300 left over from the playscape build, and another \$2,500 came in from the Curwood Festival making \$8,800 in the fund. Trees are coming in the fall that will be paid separate from the park funds as a maintenance item.

Commissioner Chavora asked about a drinking fountain. Discussion followed about previous locations and where one might be placed now. Mr. Zettel noted that the gazebo roof has been replaced and the electrical upgrade is completed.

2. Disc golf & splash pad updates

DISC GOLF - Commissioner Selbig has not had a response from Mr. Dorcey Crank, but will keep trying to check in with him on progress for the Owosso disc golf course.

SPLASH PAD - Mr. Dave Acton and Mr. Paul Early were in attendance to update the Commission on the

splash pad progress. Mr. Acton commented that his prime contractor volunteers were Andy at Owosso Pools for the main installation. Collards Concrete will excavate a 24 ft circle, add sand and then do the final finishing (at a great price). Kevin from Fishers Concrete is making close to a complete donation of the concrete. The splash pad will be located between the gazebo and the pavilion for greater visibility from M-52. The company selling the splash pad has had some problems with the ultraviolet light purifier and is not selling it at this time. The will be going with a filter and chlorine only.

It was suggested that the commission may want to revisit the topic of walkways and talk about one from the playscape to the splashpad.

Mr. Acton continued that they are working with the DEQ as they develop their guidelines. They want a portion of the construction process video taped, and then have an onsite visit for other parts of the process. They have actually shut down other playscape constructions, so he is cooperating with them. Mr. Acton thought it would take three to four days to install the splashpad.

Mr. Acton will prepare the council resolution with the help of Mr. Zettel for inclusion in the council's packet for the next meeting.

3. Bentley playscape & splash pad dedication

It was decided to wait until the splash pad is completed to make one dedication ceremony with the playscape.

4. Adams Park Labyrinth.

Commissioner Selbig has talked to other people about designs. We need something quiet, low maintenance, and off to the side, so other events can occur concurrently.

5. Election of Vice-Chairman

A motion to elect Commissioner Mike Espich as Vice-Chair was made by Commissioner Chavora and supported by Commissioner Alderman.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

6. Review possible uses of 300 S. Washington

Mr. Zettel explained that this property is city owned and has contaminated soil. Trust Thermal, next door at 210 S. Water, would like to create an ingress and egress as well as a parking area on a portion of this property. There was a discussion of creating a display area / green space on the northeast portion of the site. Mr. Zettel is waiting for a response from the DEQ about the contaminants on the lot and what might be allowed there. Commissioners agreed there were many questions to be answered but were not completely opposed to the idea of selling a portion of the lot or using a portion for some green space.

Public Comments / Board Comments

Chairman Hebekeuser welcomed Commissioner Tim Alderman to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Chavora and was supported by Commissioner Selbig. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Ayes: all. Motion carried.

Adam Zettel, Secretary

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