

## Arkansas City Beautification and Tree Advisory Board

7/22/21 Minutes

A regular meeting was held **Thursday, July 22, 2021**, at Newman Park. The meeting was called to order at **4:49 p.m.** Prior to the official start of the meeting, members of the Board toured the **Charlie Dow Sports Complex, "South Park" and Cherokee Park.**

Roll Call:

### Board Members

Robin Henderson   
Candace Hendricks   
Nancy Holman   
Paisley Howerton   
Harrison Taylor

### Staff Liaisons

Mike Bellis   
Randy Frazer   
Evan Haney   
Andrew Lawson   
Josh White   
Landon West (ACRC)

### 1. Approve June Meeting Minutes:

Harrison made a motion to approve the minutes of the **June 24, 2021**, regular meeting as presented. Robin seconded the motion. The motion was approved **3-0** on a voice vote.

The only Equal Opportunity and Accessibility Advisory Board member in attendance was **Frances "Rags" Smith.**

### 2. Approve Special Meeting Minutes:

Robin made a motion to approve the minutes of the **July 12, 2021**, special virtual meeting as presented. Harrison seconded the motion. The motion was approved **3-0** on a voice vote.

### 3. Adoption Updates: *Cox Park / Knebler Pond (WVDGA)*

Andrew hasn't had a recent update, but the Knebler Pond course design remains in progress and much of the area is cleared.

The City Commission approved WVDGA's re-adoption of Robert Cox Park for two years during its **July 20** meeting.

### 4. Adoption Request: *Wilson Park (Docking Garden) / Pollinator Project Report*

Andrew did not have an update. This adoption request will not go before the City Commission until its **August 3** meeting.

### 5. Review ADA Transition Plan: *Charlie Dow Sports Complex*

This facility is actually in pretty good shape, with ADA-accessible restrooms inside the structure. The main need is to pour a van-accessible ADA space near the building and make sure it connects to the concrete walkways all around the building.

### 6. Review ADA Transition Plan: *"South Park" and Cherokee Park*

The "South Park" area is now owned by Cowley College and no longer City responsibility. Cherokee Park lacks accessible parking or routes to the picnic shelters, but as it is outside the City, the Board agreed it is low priority for any improvements.

### 7. Review ADA Transition Plan: *Newman Park*

The Board and Rags reviewed ADA Transition Plan recommendations for Newman Park. Like many other parks and recreation areas, it was flagged for a lack of designated ADA parking, but this is easily resolved. The threshold to the "trading post" shelter needs a ramp and the ramp to the restrooms is too steep. There are ADA issues in the restrooms, too.

### 8. Select 2022 Tacolalah Executive Committee Member:

Robin made a motion to reappoint **Candace Hendricks** as the Board's voting representative and appoint **Paisley Howerton** as her alternate, replacing Nancy Holman. Paisley seconded the motion. The motion was approved **3-0** on a voice vote.

The final 2021 Tacolalah Executive Committee meeting will be at **noon July 29** at the Water Treatment Facility, followed by the first meeting of the 2022 Tacolalah Executive Committee, which will be at **noon August 19** at the same location.

### 9. Other Miscellaneous Items:

Andrew briefly reviewed the Paris Park Pool study with the Board but said it is mostly a City Commission issue at this point.

Also discussed were the current status of the Wilson Park Master Plan, Northwest Community Center and Recreation Center.

Paisley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Robin seconded the motion, which was approved **3-0** on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at **5:36 p.m.** The next regular meeting of the Beautification and Tree Advisory Board will be at **4 p.m. August 26, 2021.**

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