



PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES May 6, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Westberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm via Zoom Online meeting.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Rory Westberg, Don Cohen, Jodi McCarthy, Lyn Gualtieri, Amy Richter, Sara Berkenwald and Peter Struck were present.

City Council Liaison Jake Jacobson and Consultants Steve Duh, Jean Akers, and Emily Moon were present.

Staff present were Jessi Bon, City Manager, Ryan Daly, Operations Transition Team Manager, Jason Kintner, Public Works Director, Paul West, CIP Projects Manager, Katie Herzog, Recreation & Operations Coordinator and Merrill Thomas-Schadt, Recreation & Operations Coordinator.

APPEARANCES

1. Jon Hamer spoke in support of the Mercerdale Playground project and inclusive play elements and to consider inclusivity in consideration of the PROS Plan process.

REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Approve Meeting Minutes of the April 1, 2021

Recommended Action: Approve minutes.

Cohen motioned, Berkenwald seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Recreation Reset Plan (Cont.)

Recommended Action: Receive report

Daly and Moon provided verbal update- brief summary of the Council's reception of the April 20, 2021 meeting; staff monitoring State phase changes, and bringing on a new staff member. Staff proposes to use appropriation on limited number of community events, limited use of drop in and gym rentals at MICEC, and facilitating limited outdoor recreation in the fall. Staff will develop preliminary budget and phasing plan for next phase of services in the summer, to be considered by Council in the fall for 2022.

3. PROS Plan Update - Virtual Open House update and initial discussion of Parks Conditions Assessment and ADA Compliance

Recommended Action: Receive presentation and provide input.

Bon provided a summary of the project of late. Duh presented a summary of the Virtual Open House on March 23, 2021. No questions from Commissioners.

Akers presented on the park facility assessment and ADA compliance material. Struck encouraged more information on how items on the assessment might be prioritized for attention or resources.

Duh stated that more on that will come further along in the PROS process. Westberg asked if ADA information would be published in order to help prioritize. Kintner stated that the City's ADA Transition Plan process will be managed in conjunction with publishing the park ADA compliance assessment. Westberg stated interested in park use data. McCarthy observed a significant difference in usage during a recent tour of various park areas. A discussion about the balance of resources that go toward more-and-less-used parks.

Kintner asked the group about their reaction to the conditions assessment- if it was what they expected or not.

BREAK 6:57-7:05PM

4. Mercedale Playground Update

Recommended Action: Receive presentation, provide input, and make recommendation to City Council for preferred option for Mercedale park playground.

Kintner and West presented on the April _ public meeting and design options. West asked for direction on:

- 1) Option 1: 72" platform or 2: 60" platform
- 2) Accessible Whirl
- 3) Simple or more elaborate design in the resilient ("poured in place") surfacing

Commissioners overall supported mixed surface of poured and grass.

Commissioners overall did not support the accessible whirl feature.

Commissioners overall did not support the enhanced design option in the surface.

Commissioners overall supported design option 2.

Commissioners discussed color scheme preferences- were overall split between options 2 and 4.

5. Commission Planning and Meeting Schedule Update

No updates.

6. Department Report and Updates

Daly presented a report.

7. Commissioner Report and Workplan Updates

Gualtieri spotted a pileated woodpecker!

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:23PM