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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

March 9, 2022

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Curry called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Curry led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Linda Palardy, Diana Adams, Jack Masson, Sandy Carbon, Donald Curry, Linda Smura and Kimberly McGibany.

Also present: Council Liaison Daniel McDow, Parks & Recreation Director Richard Boprey, and Special Projects Coordinator Sandi Wood.

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chairman Curry introduced Council Members Andrea Young, Stephen Phrampus and Assistant City Manager Tom Bradford.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 12, 2022

Chairman Curry made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2022 meeting, seconded by Member Carbon. Motion carried 7-0

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budget for 2022-2023 –Bleachers/Canopy cover at Skate Park

Parks and Recreation Director Boprey advised that citizens had asked for a raised canopy and bleachers for the skate park and presented a concept of what bleachers and canopy would look like. Member Palardy made a motion to accept the concept of bleachers and canopy at the skate park, member McGibany seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

B. Budget for 2022-2023 – New pavilion at Clements Wood Park

Parks and Recreation Director Boprey presented the board with a concept of a pavilion with water, grill and electric that is similar to the pavilions at the West Melbourne Community Park. A motion was made by Member Masson to accept the concept of a new pavilion with water, grill and electric, seconded by Member Adams. Motion passed 7-0

6. PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES

A. Playground at Clements Wood Park.

Parks and Recreation Director Boprey advised the board that funding in the amount of \$80,000 for a new playground at Clements Wood Park has been approved by the City Council. Chairman Curry asked if the Recreation Department has contacted the current playground manufacturer to see if there are replacement parts available instead of replacing the playground. Director Boprey advised that he had not contacted the manufacturer as the age of the current playground would not have current parts in stock and any attempt to repair the playground would create a liability to the City. A motion was made by member Masson to replace the playground, seconded by member Smura. Motion passed 7-0. Council Liaison McDow advised that the selected playground would need to come back the Parks and Recreation Board for selection before presented to Council. Director Boprey advised that he would be bringing 3 concepts and quotes for playgrounds to the next meeting to ask for the Board's recommendation before it is presented to Council for approval. There was also discussion about a playground at Tallwood Park. Director Boprey advised that he has future plans for Tallwood Park to expand it as an exercise park with a walking track and additional workout stations.

Director Boprey advised he was in receipt of the list of items from Chairman Curry that he felt needed attention in the parks.

B. Parks Maintenance Crew subsidence project at Skate Park

Director Boprey advised that the Parks and Recreation maintenance crew had replaced 15 thousand pounds of top soil and 2 thousand square feet of sod under the top rim of the skate bowl due to erosion.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Council Liaison Daniel McDow mentioned there is a Special Olympics Recognition that will be held at the West Melbourne Community Park Amphitheater on March 12, 2022 at 1 p.m. He also mention there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Water Treatment Facility on Tuesday March 15 at 10 am. There was a question presented to Council Member McDow at the Business Advisory Board in reference to trails connected to the canal system. He believes it is in the comprehensive plan for parks and it should be addressed in upcoming meetings for a response to the Business Advisory Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Member Masson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Member Adams. Motion carried 7-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be May 11, 2022 at 6 p.m.