



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2023 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Michael Dively, Michael Perelman, Craig Russell, Leah J. Bonich

Absent

Robert Bendick, Krystal Dawkins, Shannon Sarkarati

Staff Present

Director Jason Seeley, Assistant Directors Cathleen Daus and Mike McCosker,
Recreation Coordinator Laura Halsey

1. Call to Order

Michael Dively introduced himself as our new PRAB member and provided a brief background.

Michael Perelman inquired about CivicPlus from City Clerk, Rene Cranis, who informed the Board that in the near future Board members will receive emails once agendas and agenda packets are published.

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of September 20, 2023 2 Minutes

Motion made by Perelman to ; seconded by Bonich. Motion unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

3. Public Comments (for items not on the agenda): Three minutes allowed for each speaker

4. Action Items

5. Non-Action Items

- a. Cady Way Pool Expansion Proposal 30m

Mr. Seeley, Director of Parks & Recreation, provided a brief background of the Cady Way expansion project including current conditions of the 50+ year old pool,

maintenance over the years, locker rooms, and usage stating that we surpass capacity during summer months and cannot accommodate all who would like to use the pool facility. He stated that staff is not looking for a recommendation from the board members at this time since it is not an action item, but more to introduce the concept of a pool expansion.

Mr. Joe Auer, Blue Dolphins Swim Club, provided additional background on the pool and stated they are unable to run large swim groups due to size constraints of the facility. He provided two rendering options - one perpendicular and one linear, while being mindful of parking. They would like to build a 25 yard by 50 meter pool to allow for diving, synchronized swimming, and a kids' area, all while not interfering with the usage of the current pool. As far as the lifeguard stands, they would need to figure out where to put those. They could renovate the bathrooms and possibly build another structure between the two pools.

Sean Schlossmacher, Blue Dolphins Swim Club, stated there is ample room to ensure they provide enough pervious and impervious coverage. He feels there isn't a premier facility that can accommodate the higher-level athletes of Winter Park. The renovation of the larger secondary pool would provide a facility for football, basketball, soccer, etc. players to cross-train and even perform physical therapy. The board inquired if there is a role model facility used in planning this project. Mr. Joe mentioned Sarasota, Miami, St. Petersburg, and Clearwater. Pools in Winter Park are outdated and it is time to upgrade. Mr. Russell expressed his support of the project, stating it would allow for more use for residents and local athletes to train as well as serve the community in multiple ways.

A few of the benefits to the City would include eliminating scheduling conflicts between swim club and residential use, the ability to use the existing pool to expand offerings, as well as re-establish summer camp swim time blocks that generate revenue, and the ability to host major competitive swim events that would also generate revenue. Both parties agree that the additional swim meet revenue could fund additional lifeguards. The board expressed their strong support of the project with their main concern being parking.

b. Open Space Comp Plan Element

20m

6. Staff Updates

Mr. Seeley updated the Board on items including the ordinance to ban smoking in the city parks, the strategic plan, and the tree forum. The Board requested staff bring back the fourth section of the strategic plan at the next meeting.

- a. Winter Park Land Trust Tree Forum 5m

Mr. Seeley provided a brief overview of the upcoming Tree Forum meeting's purpose and intention, reminding Board members the meeting will be taking place on October 19, 2023.

- b. FY22/23 Cost Recovery Summary 10m

- c. Project Update 10m

Mr. Seeley covered the following projects: West Meadow Restroom, in which the Board asked staff to confirm restroom entrance, Winter Park Pines Patio and Beer Garden, Howell Branch Preserve Trail, Ward Park Concession renovation, Mead Trail & Pavilion, 7 Oaks, MLK Unity Corner and Shady Park Art, and MLK Playground.

7. Board Comments

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

Cady Way Tennis/Pickleball Court topic
Section four of Strategic Plan

9. Adjournment

Approved by the Board on
/s/Laura Halsey

ATTEST: