



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Craig Russell, Michael Dively, Krystal Dawkins, Leah J. Bonich, Michael Perelman, Shannnon Sarkarati

Absent

Robert Bendick

Staff Present

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

1. Call to Order

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of January 31, 2024

Motion made by Michael Perelman to add comments about Parks Signage to specify mini-parks, Lake Spier, Azalea Park, and the changes to the strategic plan made by Robert Bendick.

Motion made by Michael Dively, seconded by Krystal Dawkins, to approve the minutes as amended.

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

4. Action Items

- a. Strategic Plan and 2024 Action Plan

Motion to approve by Michael Perelman, seconded by Krystal Dawkins to approve as presented.

Michael Perelman asked for confirmation on the update of the Cady Way Pool and WP18 camera systems. Staff confirmed they have been completed.

Staff updated the board on the mini-parks and stated the signage may not be

completed by March as it is dependent upon larger events and budget constraints. Ms. Bonich would like a more detailed and specific list under the updates section. It was explained that the strategic plan is a scope and not intended to list in explicit detail how the repair or improvement will be completed. An example was the drainage issue on Field 7. The measurement would be if the drainage issue has been resolved.

b. Cady Way Pool- Blue Dolphins Proposal for Addition of Second Pool

Mr. Seeley provided the Board with additional information pertaining to the request by Blue Dolphins Swim Club to install a second pool at Cady Way. Mr. Dively asked for more clarification on the financial portion of the commitment. Shawn Schlossmacher of the Blue Dolphins was present to answer questions from the board and provide details on how the project would proceed. Joe Auer spoke about how they would accommodate recreational and competitive swimmers in the pools.

- How will recreational and competitive swimmers be accommodated? *There will be a check-in process and the goal is to ensure the pools will always be accessible to residents.*
- Will there be additional lighting installed for the pools? *Mr. Auer stated the newly installed lighting on the neighboring field 10 should provide adequate lighting along with the new LED lighting recently installed at the pool.*
- Will there be bleachers since the second pool will be for competitions? *There is space for bleachers. However, the client did not request it in the renderings as they did not want to incur additional costs if the project wasn't going to be approved.*
- Will the bathrooms be updated/renovated? *Bathrooms will be reconfigured to have hot water, be conducive to those with disabilities, will not make an impact on the current system, and will remain gravity fed into the sewer system. The new layout will provide more privacy as well.*
- How will the pools be warmed? *Cady Way uses a geothermal system right now but it has not been confirmed if the current system would be able to handle a second pool. Pool blankets are not a consideration because they are labor-intensive, expensive, have a short lifespan, and can be easily damaged if handled improperly.*

Mr. Schlossmacher provided commentary on the renderings presented to the board. Mr. Seeley reviewed a list of benefits to the City should the second pool be approved which included increasing lap swim availability, expanded summer camp usage, allows the City to become a main Red Cross training facility, attract state and regional swim meets, provide an enhanced recreational space, and provide lighted volleyball courts which have been a frequently requested amenity. All of which create revenue for the city. He also reviewed a list of projected costs to the city which is estimated to be \$25-\$35K annually. Mr. Auer stated they intend to cover the maintenance costs lowering

the cost to the city to \$12-\$15K annually. Their goal is a \$2.2M endowment which allows for \$85K annually. Mr. Auer stated a three day swim meet could bring in \$40k, schools rent pools for water polo, etc. Mr. Dively reminded staff that the city would lose the \$15K in annual revenue from Blue Dolphins. The agreement terms were also reviewed with the Board and open for discussion.

Do you support the addition of a second pool being added to Cady Way Pool and building renovation?

Motion made by Michael Perelman, seconded by Shannon Sarkarati, to approve the addition of a second pool including associated costs and maintenance to be provided by Blue Dolphins.

Mr. Perelman requested Blue Dolphins return with clarification encompassing the changes discussed in tonight's meeting since those items have been discussed.

5. Non-Action Items

6. Staff Updates

a. Project Updates

Mr. Seeley provided visuals for the Lake Spier property and stated the area serves as a green-screen for the surrounding residents who prefer the city to leave the area as-is. Staff have met and are currently working with residents regarding boat access for the Lakes Department to service the lake. It is also in a wetlands area, which prevents the city from attempting to build a trail or sidewalk on the property.

b. Upcoming Programs and Events Update

Mr. Seeley showed a short clip of the Seniors Prom that took place February 20, 2024 at the events Center followed by a list of upcoming events. He will provide a more in-depth update on the current projects at a later date to be respectful of everyone's time since the meeting has already run past 7:00pm

7. Board Comments

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm

Approved by the Board on March 20, 2024
/s/ Laura Halsey, Recreation Coordinator

