Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2024 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present
Leah J. Bonich, Thomas Sims, Ginny Enstad, Lisa Tinker Marsh, Lawrence Lyman, Ellen Wolfson

Absent
Robert Bendick

Staff Present
Director Jason Seeley, Assistant Director Mike McCosker, Recreation Coordinator Laura Halsey, Recreation & Family Service Manager John Clarke

1. **Call to Order**
   Meeting called to order by Leah Bonich at 5:30pm
2. **Consent Agenda**
   a. Approve the minutes of April 17, 2024 and May 15, 2024

Motion made by Leah Bonich, seconded by Lawrence Lyman, to approve the April 17 and May 15, 2024 minutes.
Motion approved 6-0.

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

No public comment

4. **Action Items**
   a. Election of Chair & Vice-Chair

Leah Bonich nominated by Ginny Enstad, seconded by Ellen Wolfson, for Chairperson
Nomination accepted and approved, 5-0.
Thomas Sims nominated by Ginny Enstad, seconded by Ellen Wolfson, for Vice-Chair
Nomination accepted and approved, 5-0.

   b. Blue Dolfins Swim Club Proposal for Competition Pool at Cady Way

Mr. Seeley, Parks & Recreation Director, presented an overview of the proposed project, including the current layout, fiscal impact, and the advantages it would provide to the City's residents and facility visitors. Joe Auer, Blue Dolfins Director & Head Coach, provided the board with his background and a funding update. The goal is to have the majority of the funding in hand by the time permitting is completed. The Board inquired if facilities, such as volleyball and restrooms, would be accessible to the public. Mr. Auer assured the board there would always be availability for the public to swim. Insurance would be held by both Blue Dolfins and the City of Winter Park. The general concept has already been approved by PRAB and the City Commission, so tonight's focus is to refine any final terms of the contract and discuss any revisions the board would like to propose, if any.

There is a large Live Oak in the potential construction area. However, it is in decline and would be presented to Urban Forestry for assessment and approval for removal.

Project concerns include parking constraints, loss of field space, and noise. Mr. Seeley stated Blue Dolfins does not generate a great deal of traffic, the minor reduction in size would have a minimal impact, and swim events are relatively quiet. The Parks & Recreation Department already enforces guidelines that go beyond the noise ordinance and amplified noise is not permitted before 9am.

Mr. Seeley assured the board that Blue Dolfins would not be able to select contractors on their own. All contractors would still be required to follow the procurement process and bid on the work. Sean Schlossmacher provided additional information pertaining to the construction portion of the project.

The board inquired how damage, such as from a major storm, would be resolved and who would be responsible for funding the repairs and or replacement of damaged items.

Restrooms were discussed in detail with Mr. Seeley, assuring the board that during events, additional portable restrooms would be brought in.

Motion made by Leah Bonich, seconded by Lisa Tinker Marsh, to approve the item as presented.
Motion passes, 6-0.

c. DeArcos Family/Rotary of Winter Park West Meadow Request

Mr. Seeley gave a brief overview & background to the board of the West Meadow Gaming Table Area request and asked the board if they are in support of the general concept, its proposed location, and the shared cost of the project. He provided projected costs for the board's review as well.

Butch Margraf, Winter Park Rotary Club President, spoke in support of the project and the gentleman they would like to dedicate the project to. He believes the West Meadow is the perfect location for the gaming tables. The board inquired how much funding the Rotary Club is willing to contribute to the project and Mr. Margraf responded they have $23k in an account for the project.

David Prather, 1830 Mayflower Ct. #303, spoke in support of the project and asked that the name be changed to "Games" table as gaming sounds more like video games.

Miguel deArcos, 2061 Versailles, spoke in support of the project in memory of his father. He also spoke on the need for common areas for people to gather and spend time together, and believes it is a great concept for community building.

The board inquired about the maintenance of the tables and area. Mr. Seeley stated it would be similar to other locations where, once it is established, city staff will maintain the area. They also inquired if Seven Oaks would be a suitable location for the concept, but Mr. Seeley stated the concept may not work as the goal is to keep the area open for jazz concerts, movies in the park, etc. The deArcos family would like to keep it as low maintenance as possible, so they propose people bring their own game pieces for the chess boards.

Motion made by Leah Bonich , seconded by Thomas Sims, to approve the city to move forward with the games tables concept, with the elimination of location #3; with family providing funding for the foundations and game hardscapes, and the city providing funding for the irrigation and sidewalks. Motion passes 6-0.

d. Peace Day in Park Approval of Central Park Use

Mr. Seeley provided an overview of the event. Ms. Brittany Pearce, Peace & Justice Institute, spoke on behalf of the organization and their event. Hungerford Elementary and the Boys & Girls Club have expressed interest. They have reached out to Winter Park schools as well. In 2019, the event was held in Central Park. They did not host the event in 2020 due to covid, and in 2023 the event was held at the Winter Park Library.

Motion made by Lawrence Lyman, seconded by Leah Bonich, to approve the fee waiver request.
Motion passes 5-1

e. Kids Beating Cancer Fee Waiver Request

Mr. Seeley provided an overview of the event and stated there are more opportunities to find sponsors, raise funds, and or charge an entry fee for the event. Staff has approved a 50% fee waiver but does not recommend waiving the additional 50%. Waiving the entire fee is more difficult when it is in a facility rather than the park as there's more overhead and staffing requirements.

Motion made by Thomas Sims, seconded by Leah Bonich, to table the item until the July 17, 2024, meeting to allow time to gather additional history and information on the event.
Motion passes 6-0.

5. Non-Action Items

6. Staff Updates

a. Review Strategic Action Plan and progress

Mr. Seeley provided a brief update of what stage each of the strategic plan projects is at currently. Spreadsheets were included in the packet as a reference.

7. Board Comments

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm

Approved by the Board on July 17, 2024
/s/ Laura Halsey, Recreation Coordinator