



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2025 at 5:30 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Leah J. Bonich, Ginny Enstad, Ellen Wolfson, Lisa Tinker Marsh, Anne Mooney
Lawrence Lyman (Virtual)

Absent

Thomas Sims

Staff Present

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

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Leah Bonich, at 5:30pm

2. Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of December 18, 2024

Motion made by Lisa Tinker Marsh, seconded by Ellen Wolfson, to approve the December 18, 2024 minutes.

Motion passes 5-0

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

None present

4. Action Items

- a. City Event and Fee Waiver Policy

Mr. Seeley provided a brief overview of the previous Fee Waiver Policy edits. The amended policy has been approved by the board previously and will be presented to the City Commission.

Ms. Gigi Papa, 1440 Hibiscus Ave, addressed the board regarding the Peace & Justice Institute event in Central Park. She asked the board not to approve the event, but it was approved anyway. Ms. Papa would like to request that the political event be

removed permanently from the city's listing of events.

After a brief review of the requested edits, the board agreed to move forward with presenting the edited policy to the City Commission.

b. Update to Kraft Azalea Park Policy and Procedures

Mr. Seeley reviewed the rules & regulations with the board and revisited the concerns of the board from the December meeting. Staff has reviewed the concerns and have a two-part solution:

1. A cap on the number of events/weddings that can be booked on the weekends
2. During the budget review process, staff will bring the fee schedule to the board to discuss amending the fees to discourage misuse and overuse of the park.

The staff does not feel there will be a significant monetary loss and that limiting the number of events will help ease the congestion and inconvenience caused to surrounding residences.

Motion made by Lisa Tinker Marsh, seconded by Ellen Wolfson, to accept the addendum as presented.

Motion passes 5-0

5. Non-Action Items

6. Staff Updates

a. Parks and Recreation Strategic Action Update

Mr. Seeley provided updates on current Parks & Recreation projects:

1. Seven Oaks - completed
2. Mead Accessibility Path - in progress, estimated completion Spring 2025
3. MLK Basketball/Pickleball Courts - in progress, estimated completion May 2025
4. MLK Unity Corner - in progress, estimated completion March 2025
5. Winter Park Golf Course Rain Shelter - in progress, estimated completion March 2025
6. Winter Park Tennis Center Soft Court Rebuild - Summer 2025
7. Ward Park Pavilion Replacement - Summer 2025
8. Ward Park Hardscape Improvements - Summer 2025
9. MLK Community Playground - Summer 2025 (community input meeting Thursday, Feb 20, 2025)
10. Cady Way Pickleball Light Replacement - Summer 2025
11. Cady Way Park - New Pool, Sand Volleyball, Accessibility/Landscape Improvements - Summer 2025

Staff welcomed the board to attend the community input meeting but to be mindful of the Sunshine Law and to sit at separate tables.

A list of strategic plan items was included in the agenda packet and Mr. Seeley informed the board to reach out to him should they have any questions after reviewing the list.

7. Board Comments

Mrs. Bonich would like the staff to continue planning a tour for the board members to visit the mini-parks and some of the projects that have been recently completed and those that are still in progress. She feels this will be an important factor as the budget season approaches, so they have a better idea about where the funding needs to be allocated. Mr. Seeley stated he made a previous tour plan during covid where the board members could self-tour. The current board would like a guided tour. Mr. Seeley will continue researching options and will update the board at an upcoming meeting.

Ms. Enstad inquired about the beautification project for the business side of Park Ave. Mr. Seeley reiterated that staff are working with a landscape company to design beautification projects for the area and reminded the board that they will have to work around the tree roots and irrigation supply.

Residents on Albert Lee have approached Ms. Marsh regarding the planting of oaks under the powerlines. Ms. Daus will obtain planting details from the Urban Forestry Department.

8. Upcoming Agenda Items

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:01pm

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