



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

December 15 2021 at 5:30p.m.

Virtual Meeting
Winter Park, Florida

Board Members Present

Michael Perelman, Kelly Price, Krystal Dawkins, Annemarie Smith, Shannon Sarkarati, Jennifer Adams, Frank Baker

Call to Order

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Perelman at 5:30 pm

Consent Agenda

a. October 20, 2021 Minutes Approval

Motion made by Frank Baker to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Shannon Sarkarati. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Updates

a. FY 21 Project Update/FY22 Project Update/ARPA Funded Initiatives

FY22 spreadsheet has been updated to reflect the current projects from FY21 that will be finished in the first quarter of this fiscal year, and future projects. Projects that should be complete by the first of the year are Pickleball Courts/tennis courts at Phelps, ward parking lot. Mead ADA restrooms are still under construction. The Winter Park Housing Authority playground replacement and basketball court was approved and staff is moving forward with the purchase of the playground. B/O equipment transition projected to be complete by the second quarter the year with the exception of the Golf Course Maintenance. Transportation is working on the parking lot design/concept at Dinky Dock.

b. MLK Update

Dix Hite is working on the 30% plan that will incorporate the Unity corner. The Unity corner concept was approved by the CRA Advisory Board on 12/9 and projected to present to the CRA Board on 1/26. The air quality building demo is complete and new building is fully functional.

Upcoming holiday events, Battle of the Bands in Central Park. 20th Unity Heritage Festival January 16th and 17th in Shady Park. The toy distribution event will be held at the Community Center on December 20th.

Street parking on Harper St. for events at the event center has to be addressed. Staff will update the board on the events currently reserved a the Event Center

Non-Action Items

a. Progress Point Presentation & Discussion- presented by ACi/Land Design

Staff presented a power point on the proposed phase 1 of Progress Point. Kristin Sweatland of Land Design answered questions. Progress Point should hopefully give some relief to Central Park, and activate the parks when needed. Trees will be installed by mid-January. Re-grading, Palmetto redesigning should begin in January. After discussion with representatives, staff and board members; recommendations/questions are:

- Tree diversity including native trees, immature trees
- What would the parking lot reduction impact be if only tree C is removed?
- provide the board with some samples of subtle “interactive water feature”
- inviting color, shade and seating capability in the trellis
- fountain that ties into the city and pulls the fountain together (Emily fountain good example)
- signage that enhances the connectivity to other areas of the park instead of just Mead Gardens

b. Forestry Presentation, Josh Nye, Superintendent of Urban Forestry

- Developed a method using I Tree Canopy to analyze the canopy to get a baseline of the tree canopy. According to the data, the canopy in 2012 was 37.2 and in 2019 canopy coverage was 33.1. Residential property development and the increase in “grey space” development contributes to loss of tree canopy. Tree Equity Score, is a map that covers the US that uses a range of data to identify different levels of canopy coverage in different demographics. Staff plans to launch the Community Canopy program; the Arbor Day Foundation provides the entire info structure, residents are able to go onto a website view their property, select a tree, plant and confirm planting of the tree that data is then available to staff.

c. Strategic & Long-Term Planning Update- Moved to January meeting

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

Board Comments

Chairman Perelman inquired about the quality of the lakes at Martin Luther King Park.

Adjournment

Motion made by Michael Perelman to adjourn the meeting at 7:37pm seconded by Kelly Price. Motion carried unanimously

Minutes approved the board on January 19, 2022
/s/ Kesha Thompson