



Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

July 20 at 5:30p.m.

City Hall
Commission Chamber
401 Park Ave South
Winter Park, FL 32789

Board Members Present

Michael Perelman, Krystal Dawkins, Susan Sarkarati, Leah Bonich, Jennifer Adams (virtual)

Call to Order

Meeting Called to order by Chairman Perelman at 5:31 pm

Girl Scout Troop 788 presented the department with a little free library for Azalea Lane Playground

Consent Agenda

a. June 15, 2022 Minutes Approval

Motion made by Krystal Dawkins to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Shannon Sarkarati.
Motion carried unanimously.

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

There was no public comment

Action Items

a. Howell Branch Preserve Conceptual Plan

Johan Bueno and Chris Hite from Dix Hite and Partners presented the board with the updated renderings of the proposed trail including the proposed raised board walk. During board discussion

During board member discussions board members expressed concern with how the stakeholders were determined, handicap accessibility, educational signage, direct access into the Lake Waumpi neighborhood, and the protection of the current wildlife. Chairman Perelman commented on the expedited timeline, and how much of the grant funds are left. Chairman Perelman recommends that staff seeks guidance from the City Commission to make the decision, and see if the project can be complete prior to the deadline, or just proceed with the removal of invasive species, and also ask if the City Commission is willing to allocate funds to complete the middle section of the proposed trail area as this could have a major impact on the project as a whole. Chairman Perelman recommends this item comes back to the board after direction from the City Commission.

Several residents in the Cove Trail, Lake Waumpi and Temple Trail neighborhoods spoke against the project, with concerns of timeline for the project, privacy and security of their homes, crime, the lack of police presence, the fire department not having access the trail in case of an emergency. There were two residents that spoke in favor of the project, the use of the trail, creek and the possibility of their children being able to bike to school from Temple Trail.

Chairman Perelman recommended that staff seeks guidance from the City Commission to make the decision, and see if the project can be completed prior to the deadline, or whether the project should proceed with only the removal of invasive species. He also suggested that City Commission be asked whether it would be willing to allocate funds to complete the middle section of the proposed trail area as this could have a major impact on the project as a whole. This item could come back to the board after direction from the City Commission.

While a quorum was present when the discussions started, there was not a quorum at the end of the discussion so a vote could not be taken

b. Winter Park Library Fee Waiver Request

Winter Park Library is requesting an additional 50% fee waiver for their Volunteer Celebration at the Winter Park Country Club.

Motion made by Krystal Dawkins to approve the request; seconded by Shannon Sarkarati. Motion carried with a 4-0 vote; Mr. Perelman declared a conflict of interest and did not vote

c. Ward Athletic Field Discussion (tabled for the September meeting)

d. Parks & Recreation Cost Recovery Policy (tabled for the September meeting)

Non-Action Items

(none)

Staff Updates

a. Project & Recreation Update

Sod installed on MLK 1, 2 and 3. Mead parking lot is progressing; the bride and groom rooms are waiting for inspections.

Board Comments

Chairman Perelman suggests the board be adventurous while thinking about MLK playground, and highlighted the importance of the integration of all the playgrounds in the City.

Adjournment

The meeting was declared adjourned by Chairman Michael Perelman at 7:35pm

Minutes approved by the board on: 8/17/2022
/s/ Kesha Thompson