

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Minutes - Regular Meeting - October 16, 2023

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 5:30 PM - Meeting called to order at 5:30PM by Angie Thomas.

OLD BUSINESS -

Minutes from August - Minutes from August 2023 were lost. Brad suggested that meetings be recorded to be played back later to retrieve minutes that way. Staff began recording October meeting.

NEW BUSINESS -

River Front - Brad shared photos of existing historical River Front structures.

Center Park Plan - Staff shared that it was approved by City Council to have plans drawn up for the future development of Center Park. Staff shared citizen survey results on what they feel should be included in the plans for Center Park. Discussion was held on the survey results and proposed features. Discussion was held on different features the park could realistically hold. There was also discussion on future trail connections and existing features in other parks. Staff shared that pickleball courts will be moved up to North Park to avoid any potential noise complaints.

Pool Hours - No discussion occurred. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

REPORTS -

Recreation Manager Update -

- Staff shared about Volleyball games and practice.
- Basketball registration is open.
- Tatum and Gloria are both certified as Fit & Strong instructors. Participants have already noticed an improvement in mobility.
- Planning for senior trips for 2024, to be approved by council on 10/23/23.
- Staff shared flyers on the upcoming Halloween event to be held on Saturday, October 28th. Staff clarified that the Jack-O'-Lantern Jamboree is held at the Ag Hall of Fame and still has the story trail component. It was moved to accommodate the increasing size of the event. Potentially moving the event back to Lions Park.
- Discussion on the upcoming KCMRDA banquet on Nov. 17th at 6PM.

Cemetery Update - Staff shared that 14 trees were planted at the cemetery. They are mulched and irrigation socks will be added soon as it has been very dry. Trees planted included: 6 Japanese Liac along entry road, 2 oaks (one by gazebo and the other where Rodger Miller was concerned about), 2 Jefferson Elms (one by pond and one in back), 2 Tilpodpas in the back due to the bean pods, 1 coffee tree and 1 ginkgo tree.

Brad shared that he would love to have more cedar trees to block the noise from the highway.

Staff shared that there was 2 weeks left in the mowing contract.

Brad asked about the pond at the cemetery. Jeff responded that it is almost dry but cattail free. There is lots of moss and frogs. The natural springs that used to flow into that pond, have been dry.

CITIZEN CONCERNS - Holly inquired about the Farmer's Market progress. Staff shared that the bid packet is almost done and that it's in production. Staff hopes that it's in before winter but realistically spring before market starts.

Brad shared railroad contact with staff who will forward the downtown master plan consultants.
Brad will bring more pictures of the river front at the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 6:34PM made by Jim Jenkins. Seconded by Robin?. All approved.