

Bryant Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting MINUTES
June 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Amanda Jolly called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

In attendance: Amanda Jolly, Lisa Meyer, Joyce Boswell, Andrea Hooten, RJ Hawk, Jay Lasey

Absent: Tim Trusty, Karla Eppinette

Others: Cassie Henry-Saorrano, Allen Scott, Keith Cox, Spencer McCorkel, Ted Taylor, LeeWood Thomas, Preston Cowan

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cassie Henry-Saorrano discussed the Taco Run that occurred on May 4th. The event had over 90 registered participants and was able to donate \$1,000.00 to Tacos 4 Life's nonprofit, Feed my Starving Children.

Spencer McCorkel discussed the fire training that happened at Bishop Park. The Bryant Fire Department used the house at Bishop Park for training purposes by burning it down.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Hawk made a motion to approve the May 14, 2018 minutes, and was seconded by Meyer. Motion passed with Meyer, Boswell, Lasey, Hooten, and Hawk voting for, and Trusty and Epinette voting against due to absence.

ASSOCIATIONS OR CLUB REPORTS

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ted Taylor, with Public Works, presented a flood study of Bishop Park to the committee. Taylor mentioned back in 2008 an engineering study was conducted and the findings showed that it would cost \$12 million to prevent the flooding at Bishop Park.

Taylor had visuals to show the committee where most of the water collects and potential fixes that could be done to prevent some of the flooding at Bishop Park.

Taylor also mentioned that it would cost \$25,000 to get Union Pacific to even come out and take a look at the railroad bridge at the back of Bishop Park.

McCorkel gave a maintenance update. McCorkel informed that committee of the findings that Middleton has reported during their 2nd quarter maintenance inspection on the HVAC system at The Center. While the chiller is currently operational, there is a screen that is out. This screen allows technicians and facility maintenance staff to access the system through to monitor what the system is doing. They also found one of the circuits to be 60 pounds low on freon. The price to recharge the circuits and to input a new screen would cost just above \$7,000.

McCorkel stated that the price to catch up with The Center's maintenance needs would be outside the operational budget. Once the department has prioritized the maintenance needs, they will be coming before the Parks Committee for approval to send to Council.

Finance Report

Meyer asked where the money from FEMA was reflected. McCorkel pointed out that it was in GL account 430-4600.

ALCOHOL PERMIT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

The committee reviewed maps of the different parks and potential placements for the repurposed playground equipment. The dinosaur slide and the rock wall will be repurposed to Springhill Park, and the swing set will be repurposed to Debswood Park.

McCorkel stated that In order for RJR to install the repurposed equipment at both parks would cost \$5,000 per park.

McCorkel stated that the conversation the department was having, and wanting to discuss with the committee, is the possibility of having the outside crew install the three pieces of equipment in the Fall season. This would keep the cost down.

The committee agreed.

Hawk discussed the Casino night fundraiser. Hawk mentioned that he has spoken with the Attorney General to ensure the proper procedures take place in order to host this event. Hawk stated that the company that would come in and run all of the casino games is currently booked up for the summer, leaving only one day available. Hawk suggested postponing this event until after the first of the year. The committee agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Preston Cowen, one of the designers of The Traxx at Bishop Park Disc Golf Course, presented an idea for repurposing the original 9 disc golf baskets that used to be at Bishop Park.

Cowen stated that he, along with members of Friends of Disc Golf Growth, would like to see the baskets used to promote the sport of disc golf.

Their idea is to take two-three and put them at Ashley, Alcoa, and Midland Parks in visible areas. This will help with exposure for disc golf throughout the city.

Cowen stated that North Little Rock does something similar and it has been successful.

The installation would be easy, according to Cowen.

Cowen stated this would not be a course, just a way to expose people to the sport of disc golf and to get them to visit The Traxx at Bishop Park.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

ADJOURN

Hawk made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Boswell. Motion passed with Meyer, Boswell, Hooten, Hawk, and Lasey voting for, and Trusty and Eppinette voting against due to absence.