MINUTES
Parks & Recreation Board - Regular Session Meeting
Monday, June 14, 2021 Jessie Mays Community Center 6:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS:
Chairperson Doug Nunnenkamp; Vice-Chair Joanna Orgill, Board Members: Patti Burns, Evan King, Michael Bernards, Emily Silverman, Kristin Elkjer Thede, Johanna Hunt (Youth Advisor)

MEMBERS ABSENT:
Emily Silverman, Kristin Elkjer These, Johanna Hunt

STAFF PRESENT:
City Manager Andy Varner, City Recorder Lori Lesmeister

1 LOGIN INFORMATION TO ATTEND VIA ZOOM

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2 CALL TO ORDER at 6:04 pm

3 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4 ROLL CALL
a) Members absent: Elkjer-Thede, Silverman, and Youth Advisor Hunt
Ex Officio Councilor Trista Papen absent

5 CONSENT AGENDA:
(The items on the Consent Agenda are normally considered in a single motion. Any item may be removed for separate consideration upon request by any member of the Board.)

a) Approval of the June 14, 2021 Parks Board Regular Session Agenda.

b) Approval of minutes of May 10, 2021 Regular Session Parks Board meeting.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
Moved by Member King. Second by Member Burns.
Motion was approved unanimously.
6 PUBLIC COMMENT:  NONE
   No public in attendance in person or via Zoom.

7 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
   a)  Jessie Mays Improvement Update

   City Manager Andy Varner provided an update on the Jessie Mays Improvement Project. Varner said that 90% of the design is completed. The area has to be surveyed due to drainage issues on the property. This should be started next week and take several weeks to complete. Varner said there are a few possibilities to address this issue including a swail or a dry well on the property. There will be discussions with Clean Water Services to see what may have to be done on site. The permit for the new outside bathrooms at Jessie Mays should be completed this month. Now that the Garlic Festival is scheduled to take place, the work on the new bathrooms won't begin until the festival has been held. The original plan was to do the improvements to the courts/covered area and play areas in two separate phases, but because the project will begin at the end of summer it will allow everything to be done at the same time. That means that Jessie Mays will be closed to use during the work, but the play area at the new grade school will be available for use in its place, along with the new park in the Brynhill subdivision that is scheduled to be completed in early fall.

   b)  Trail Projects Update

   City Manager Varner said that work has started on the area on West Union where the elevated boardwalk and pedestrian bridge will be installed. We worked with the property owners to get an easement in the area so that the path can be 8’ wide rather than 5’ wide. The boardwalk should start to be installed in the next couple of weeks, with the bridge being installed in mid July. There are plans to connect West Union Road via the McKay Creek trail over to the Turtle Pond and the Ghost Creek Trail. Later this week work will start on clearing approximately 20’ of brush and blackberry bushes so that survey work can take place. The majority of the project is scheduled for 2022 and it will include the connecting of the Ghost Creek Trail to the Veterans Park and it will include a boardwalk in the area just west of the Veterans Park.

   c)  Concerts in the Park Update

   Member Patti Burns said that she has booked a band for July 30, 2021 at Jessie Mays Community Center. Discussion and questions concerning if all concerts should be on Fridays or if another evening during the week should be considered. It was decided to keep all of the concerts on Friday evenings for consistency. Discussion then turned to possible dates and locations for two more concerts. It was agreed that because of the Garlic Festival the second concert should be held later in August, possibly the 27th. It was agreed that it will be held at the large park in Sunset Ridge. The third date could be at the end of September, possibly the 24th.
The August and September dates are dependent on if/when Member Burns can book bands. There was discussion of possibly having a concert on July 9th if she can find a band in that short amount of time. Brief discussion on scheduling any food trucks for any of the concerts. Vice-Chair Orgill will work with Burns on these items. Varner reminded the board that work on the Jessie Mays improvement project will begin after the Garlic Festival, so they should plan on having any other concerts at the Sunset Ridge location. Chair Nunnenkamp will contact the Sunset Ridge Homeowners Association to discuss and schedule the concerts at their location. City Manager Varner said that 4th of July fireworks will be held at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course, and there will be a parade through town that afternoon. Final details are being worked out and flyers should be ready in the next couple of days.

8 NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Sunset Ridge Park Naming Process**

The Sunset Ridge developers said they are fine with the City naming the park with the baseball diamond in the subdivision. Right now the city’s process for naming parks is in the hands of City Council, but City Manager Varner said he is confident that council would be fine with the Parks & Rec Board being a part of the process. He will bring the topic up at the City Council meeting next Monday, June 21, 2021 to confirm with them that they are fine with the Parks Board being included. Discussion of the process ensued. Discussion included ways to include input from the residents such as adding something in with the water bill, on social media, and via the City App. It might also include getting feedback from people attending the Concerts in the Park. There is no rush to name the Sunset Ridge park

9 BOARD & STAFF COMMENTS

10 ADJOURNMENT: 7:11 pm

Submitted By:

Lori Lesmeister, City Recorder

Date Minutes Approved: August 9, 2021