



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

Members Present Ted Maestas
 Sunshine Szedeli
 Daren Rasmussen
 Brian Plamondon
 Kimberlee Bird

City Staff Present Kim Sorensen, Parks and Recreation Director
 Jamie Baird, Office Administrator II
 Kristine Jones, Office Administrator Supervisor

The Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:28 pm by chairperson Sunshine Szedeli who conducted the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Daren motioned to approve the minutes of April 13, 2022. Ted seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

THEATER UPDATE

Kim informed the board that contractor bids will be posted on June 9, 2022, with a mandatory pre bid meeting for those interested in bidding. Questions will be open for four weeks then bids will open on July 12, 2022. A \$100,000 donation was recently received for the theater project, from an anonymous donor with ties to Murray City. Pathways is actively pursuing financial donors. The city is interested in someone donating a well-preserved piano. The company, Create, has been hired to conduct an 8-month feasibility study, to look at the types of programming the theater and outdoor amphitheater should offer.

NEW PLAYGROUND

Kim shared that feedback received so far regarding the new playground, between pavilion 2 and 3, is that kids love it! The public has requested that benches are added so parents have a place to sit. The surface is designed to stay cool by not retaining heat. It also allows the elderly and those in wheelchairs to safely access the structure.

BUDGET UPDATE

Kim reported that the City Council tentatively approved the mayor's 2023-24 budget. Final approval will come in August, after truth in taxation meetings. Key elements included funding for the Murray Theater, \$500,000 for renovations to the Murray Mansion, \$100,000 to develop plans for the Armory, and funds to construct a new tot's playground. The Parks Department was given a 15% increase for the hiring of seasonal employees. Approval was also given for one full-time Recreation Coordinator and two full-time staff for Arts: A Theater Director and a Technical Director.

SUMMER STAFFING

Kim shared that obtaining seasonal staff for the summer has improved since the city increased the minimum starting pay to \$12 per hour.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kim shared that RFP is looking for four art pieces for the new city hall. \$250,000 has been budgeted with one stained glass designated for the counsel room. Art selections will be chosen by Lori, the mayor and the arts board.

The outdoor pool is open, matinee lunch concerts are underway as well as the Tuesday evening food trucks.

A request will be made for TRCC money for the armory and playground.

A suggestion was made by Brian to see about additional events that can be held within the city. Something more to help rejuvenate Murray.

QUESTIONS

Brian suggested adding lighting to soccer fields, to extend field usage into the evenings. Adult soccer leagues have expressed interest in Murray's fields because of its central location and limited field options in the valley. The addition of lights could generate additional revenue for the city from an increase of field rentals.

Daren asked about MAC fees that were recently increased. Kim shared that the department is currently reevaluating those changes and looking at ways to lower the price.

ADJOURNMENT

Sunshine adjourned the meeting at 6:36 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Park Office on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 5:30 pm.