



**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

Members Present Kimberlee Bird
 Daren Rasmussen
 Brian Plamondon
 Sunshine Szedeli

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

The Parks and Recreation Board Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Sunshine Szedeli who conducted the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Darren motioned to approve the minutes of August 10, 2022. Brian seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

Kimberlee asked if there would be any funding available for Valley Center Park. She will work with Bruce Holyoak to determine what playground equipment should be installed.

ARMORY ARCHITECT

We have hired AJC Architecture to design the Armory. The city has never used this firm before and only had three architect proposals. As an example of their work, AJC designed the Outdoor Education building at Wheeler Farm and out of the three, AJC was the lowest in cost as well as the only one that focused on saving the building. The other companies were not telling us that we needed to tear down the building, but more leaning towards that option. The Armory is currently structurally sound and was built in 1940. We have met with AJC twice and their ideas are to take down the fences on all three sides of the building and add an awning or patio area to the south of the building which would flow into the arboretum to include plantings that would match and enhance the arboretum. The building would accommodate about 300 people or split into two sections to accommodate 150 on either side with partial kitchens on both ends. From a venue standpoint this will be good for weddings and corporate gatherings. There will be a media area as well as screens for convention purposes. AJC is working with a current rendering made in 2015. We will possibly think of additional uses in the future to make those accommodations for possible indoor arts in the park since the amphitheater, pool and Ken Price will be unusable in the winter months.

THEATER

Judd Construction. The bid came in at just under eight million dollars which gives a little flexibility. We are planning on getting started as soon as we have a building permit. Currently waiting on the review of the building design. We have an agreement for the VU Market property for \$675.000 for parking just east of the theater which sits on about .21 acres. This will give us parking for about 20 vehicles to include ADA and allow for a dumpster as well. The building will later be demolished. Jiffy Lube is not interested in selling to us and the business attached to the VU property is not either. The timeline is the end of September 2023 for completion.

GRANTS

We have applied for two grants. One with the Murray Mansion TRCC for \$800.000 that process is ongoing right now and the other is for a \$350,000 grant from the state Culture and Museum. We should hopefully hear back when we meet again in October whether we were successful in either of those.

VOLUNTEER EVENT NOVEMBER 2ND

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 2, 2022. We were funded \$10,000 for our volunteer appreciation event. All the details have not been finalized, but from 5pm-8pm anybody that volunteered throughout the city for anything will get an invite to attend. We don't know the name of the event yet and are open for suggestions. Attendees will need to RSVP for their time slot which will be held at the Senior Recreation Center. We will be having scones, Navajo taco type with sweet scones for dessert and receive a T shirt.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Kim presented that we are fully staffed, however, Wayne Oberg is retiring, and his last day is September 30th. Cory is interviewing for this position so we may or may not be fully staffed after he leaves. Two employees within our department have applied so if he hires one of those two, we will not be fully staffed. Soccer is wrapping up and ending this Saturday. Bruce talked about Riverview and Woodstock parks at the previous meeting whereas Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation has approached us wanting the city to take on these two parks and deeding the property outright to the city. The reasoning for that is Salt Lake County is trying to get out of the small neighborhood parks. Woodstock Park is located above 900 E and about 5700 S. It is a small park with a small parking lot, a pavilion, a nature area, trees, a playground, and restroom. Riverview Park is next to River Jr. High School it has a pickleball court without lighting, some horseshoe pits, a larger pavilion, a playground, large grass areas, a restroom and ample parking. Both parks have standards to meet for safety, so Bruce has put together what the needs are for both areas. Immediately we would need to have the trees trimmed at Woodstock Park hanging over the trail with cracks in them, unlevel concrete resulting in tripping hazards, the playground has safety issues with coating coming off and sharp edges as well as a new restroom, and the pavilion would need to be updated at some point, but not necessarily right away. Riverview Park needs the lighting fixed, general maintenance and cleanup. Playground is not in bad shape, but it does have aluminum slides which is a concern with the heat. Employee cost per year for maintenance would be about \$38,000 for both parks plus utilities. First year would be about \$850.000 to bring these up to safe standards. To bring up to Murray standards, the cost would be \$2.3 million over a couple of years. This would include both new playgrounds, updated pavilions and one restroom. Brian motioned to recommend the city of Murray be deeded

Riverview and Woodstock parks on the condition that the county pay the city of Murray 1.45 million with \$850,000 in year one to bring the parks to safety standards and an additional \$200,000 each of the following three years to facilitate additional maintenance to support the city of Murray and its new tax burdens and adjustment and allocation of funds. Darren Seconded the motion and all voted unanimously.

QUESTIONS

There were no questions.

ADJOURNMENT

Sunshine adjourned the meeting at 6:38 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at the Park Office on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

Minutes recorded by Kristine Jones