

MURRAY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Board Members in Attendance

Sunshine Szedeli
Dana Dimitrich
Ted Maestas
Mindy Canova
Kim Sorensen

The Parks & Recreation Board Meeting was called to order by Dana Dimitrich.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Sunshine made a motion to approve the September minutes. Ted seconded. Motion was unanimous.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

No citizens.

ELECTRIC BIKE DISCUSSION

Kim explained how the electric bikes and scooters have been a big thing and have made their way a lot into the City. He is concerned and knows that there will soon need to be regulations and policies on motorized or electric bikes and scooters along trails.

Kim attended the National Parks & Recreation Association a month ago and went to a session where people gave different variants as to what they believe should happen. Colorado seemed to have the best hold on it. They have categorized bikes into three different categories. 1. A bike that runs by itself (electric) 2. A bike that can be assisted with pedals. 3. A bike that requires assistance with pedals. Different cities in Colorado have different regulations for bikes on trails. Some didn't allow bikes on trails, some had speed limits, some allowed them at different times etc. The different cities got together and decided the speed limit regulation was the best option for their trails, 15 mph.

The Jordan River Commission is posing to put an electric bike rental at about 3500 S. All the cities are going to need to get together at some point and come up with a consensus on policies along the trails. Currently there is a regulation that no motorized vehicles are allowed on any trail in Murray City. He asked the board if they had any opinions on the matter and what their thoughts were. Some of the board members are concerned with allowing any kind of motorized bikes or scooters on the trails, due to the safety of runners or pedestrians. If they do decide to go forward with allowing them, then people need to be educated on courtesy and how to properly use the trails with their equipment.

GOLF COURSE CELL TOWER DISCUSSION

One of the cell companies has approached the City about putting up a cell tower at the golf course. Kim, Dave (Golf Superintendent) and John (Golf Pro) met with the company and had two proposals on locations to place them. One next to the pro shop and one on the driving pole by the freeway. While in meetings and talking, Dave suggested they put up a flag pole just north of the maintenance building. It would stand about 50-60ft tall. The cell tower company would pay the City about \$1500 a month with a five-year contract.

The board was in concensus of the idea and agrees for the plan to move forward.

MASTER PLAN RFP RESULTS

Kim thanked a couple of the board members for sitting in on proposals for the master plan. He stated that they had selected a company called MIG to do the master plan. MIG had submitted some additional plans as well and the Mayor approved to do a cultural arts plan.

With the master plan, there is a committee called the project advisory committee, which is a larger group of about 18-25 people. The committee will probably meet 2-3 times along the process and Kim invited any of the board members to be on the committee.

WILLOW POND PLAYGROUND

Kim told the board that 7 companies gave two different proposals of playgrounds giving us 14 proposals to choose from. They put together a committee from the Parks & Recreation department, who selected their top three choices. Sunshine then took those top three choices to Viewmont Elementary School during parent teacher conferences to give the students and their parents the opportunity to vote for their favorite playground. The top vote came in for Burke. They are excited to move forward with the process.

DIRECTORS REPORT

- Salt Lake County has decided to fund our Cultural Arts facilities grant application for \$3.6 million. We will receive the money over a two-year period. \$1.8 the first year and \$1.8 the second. Which gives half the funding for the theater. It does still need to go through the County Council, but they haven't seen the County Council change many of the Mayor's recommendations, so they are hopeful it will go through.
- The restrooms have been shut down and winterized throughout the City except for the following:
 - 4800 S along the Jordan River Parkway
 - 6400 S along the Jordan River Parkway
 - Murray Park next to the main playground
- There will not be a board meeting in December but there will be a master plan meeting.

QUESTIONS

- Dana asked if the City knew if the haunted house on Vine Street across from the cemetery was successful and is hopeful that they would not be returning. Kim was not aware of the actual statistics but didn't seem to think they were too successful as well.
- Sunshine asked the timeline on construction for the Willow Pond playground and Kim said, weather permitting, it should take place in January.

ADJOURNMENT

The board made a motion to end the meeting. Motion was unanimous.