

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2020; 12:00 PM

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 226 W 4TH STREET, 12:00P.M.

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

A.

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business

A.

V. New Business

A.

B.

VI. Staff Reports

A.

B. Riverfront Improvement Commission Report

C. Park Operations

D. Recreation

E. Revenue Facilities

F. Director's Report

VII. Advisory Time / Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Next Meeting Date and Location

A.

City of Davenport
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Department: Parks and Rec
Contact Info: Chad Dyson 563-326-7817

Date
10/6/2020

Subject:

ATTACHMENTS:

Type	Description
▣ Cover Memo	September 1, 2020 Meeting Minutes

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Parks & Recreation	Rhoads, Jessica	Approved	10/1/2020 - 9:08 AM



**Parks and Recreation Advisory
September 1st, 2020 – 12 PM
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Coiner, Duffy, Lemke, McBride, Peterson, Schertz, Spratt, Trees and Thomas

Staff Present: Director Dyson, T. Evans, T. Hauman, B. Tubbs, J. Rhoads

Full meeting video:

<https://www.cityofdavenportiowa.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=6481456&pageId=15113548>

Meeting Minutes: Motion presented by Duffy approve the minutes, 2nd by Schertz. Minutes approved 8-0

Old Business: None

New Business:

- Election Of Officers:
 - Chair Nominations, **Peterson** was nominated by Spratt and seconded Coiner, **Trees** was nominated by Trees and seconded by Thomas, and **Schertz** was nominated by Thomas and seconded Duffy. Vote: **4-Peterson**, 3-Schertz, 2- Trees
 - Vice Chair Nominations, **Schertz** was nominated by Peterson and seconded by Duffy, **Trees** was nominated by Trees and seconded by Spratt, and **McBride** was nominated by McBride and seconded by Lemke. Vote: **5-Schertz**, 3-Trees, 1-McBride
 - Secretary Nomination, **Spratt** was nominated by Coiner and seconded by Peterson. Vote **9-Spratt**
 - Riverfront Improvement Commission Liaison Nominations, Due to technical difficulties Spratt moved to postpone the nominations and elections to the October PAB meeting agenda, motion seconded by Wendy, Motion Passed 9-0.

Staff Report:

- Staff wants to thank Richard Thomas for his many years serving as chair on this board. You are a big parks advocate and cares deeply for our department and we appreciate everything you have done.
- Staff Report- See Written Report

Advisory Time: None

Spratt moved to adjourn the meeting, Schertz 2nd. **Motion passes 9-0.** Meeting adjourned at 1:5 pm.

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Park and Recreation Advisory Board
October 6th, 2020
Staff Report

River Front Improvement Commission up-date: Mike Schertz

Notable updates from Staff

Park Operations

- Junge playground is open. A SCRA grant allowed us to have a partial pour in place surface.
- Vander Veer playground had a soft opening. Ribbon cutting is set for October 8.
- Roosevelt Community Center window project is complete!
- Kaiserslautern square renovation has begun. Parks is doing some of the demolition work to help save project money.
- Temporary South DOLA is open. Renovation on the DOLA will include new entry way, a second entry installed to allow rotation of entries, and a re-grading and sodding of most of the facility. The facility will be closed until Spring to allow good grow and an establishment of new turf.

Recreation

- Recreation Team began the Master Planning process to create a Recreation Plan. It is gathering a lot of information but we are excited to get a cohesive plan in place.
- We have on boarded 24 new AmeriCorps members since the Sept 8th new AmeriCorps Grant year. We have 2 serving with Sports, 1 with Environmental education, 1 with Sherrie, and we have 4 AmeriCorps members serving at Junior Theatre all school year, rather than our typical 1. Rather than lean out of the AmeriCorps process, we are leaning in and creating new ways to serve kids and creating new programs/events.
- Stepping Stones is operating at 11 schools and we are planning on opening the Harrison site by mid-October. Enrollment is down but this is understandable due to the percentage of families that have chosen the online only option for school. We are following all protocols in regard to social distancing and making sure students are safe.

Revenue Facilities

- Golf: Aeration of greens completed for fall during outstanding weather.
- Duck Creek Golf: Renovation of Hole #3 is in progress. Contractor and staff have been busy building a new #3 green and New #4 tees, #2 tees.
- Learn to Skate Classes have resumed with COVID Guidelines in place
- Restroom Renovations are awarded and under contract. We in process of determining a project date.
- Fall hiring has started at Rivers Edge.

Top Staff Challenges

Park Operations

- Grass started growing again, so we can't say 100% of the derecho storm is cleaned up. A second straight line wind event caused branches down in parks that were previously cleaned up.
- Having enough staff continues to be a challenge. With other businesses offering higher paying jobs, attracting staff is a challenge.

Recreation

- Entering a hybrid model phase at Junior Theatre – balancing virtual and in-person classes starting next session on October 19. We will use the main theatre for theatre classes and our largest dance studio and lobby for dance classes. No cottages used. Classes kept to size of 8 for extra social distancing. Masks required. All procedures will be laid out for customers and staff.
 - **This was spurred by over 62% of our users saying they were strongly yes / yes to wanting us to return to in person programming. Of those who have been doing our virtual classes so far, over 50% said they would prefer in-person. We felt we could do it safely now that we have more data and have seen schools as role-models.

Revenue Facilities

- Golf: Still working around many tree debris piles and some damaged trees until cleanup can be completed or contracted for this winter season.
- River Drive sewer and Gaines rail projects are limiting access to building to one lane.

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