

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022; 4:30 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

- A. January 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes - Action

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business - None

V. New Business

- A. Gingerbread House Winner - **Trophy Presentation**
- B. Master Plan Project Update - **Presentation/Action**

VI. Staff Reports

- A. Director's Verbal Report
- B. Written Staff Report
- C. Riverfront Improvement Commission Update: Chris Meyer

VII. Advisory Time

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Next Meeting Date and Location

- A. March 17, 2022 | 4:30 p.m. | City Hall Council Chambers, 226 West 4th Street

City of Davenport  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Department:  
Contact Info:

**Date**  
**2/17/2022**

Subject:  
January 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes - Action

ATTACHMENTS:

Type	Description
▢ Backup Material	Minutes

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
City Clerk	Admin, Default	Approved	2/16/2022 - 10:35 AM



## **Parks and Recreation Advisory January 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Coiner, Greenlee, Kefauver, Meyer, Peterson, Schertz, Spratt and Walker  
Staff Present: Chad Dyson, Theresa Hauman, Betsy Tubbs, Troy Evans, Becca Niles, and Jessica Rhoads  
Location: Council Chambers, City Hall 226 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street

December 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes: Motioned by Greenlee to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Spratt.  
Minutes approved 7-0

Public with Comment: None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Becca Niles introduced Amy Malchodi, Sr. Clerk. Amy gave a brief history of her work history and current job role.
- ARPA Project Update: Director Dyson gave an over view of the ARPA funding and restrictions, and then reviewed each location and the improvements each site will receive. (See attached project list)
- DPR Recreation Guide: Becca Niles presented the new 2022 spring/summer recreation guide highlighting the recent changes to layout, branding and overall design as well as emphasized new sections and information that was included.

<https://www.davenportiowa.com/cms/One.aspx?portalId=6481456&pageId=7359129>

Staff Report:

See Written Staff Report

Troy Evans gave a verbal report:

- Our staff is deep into our winter maintenance. We have run into some issues finding replacement parts. They are on order but the date we are going to receive them is always out. Staff is fixing what we can in house so that are equipment is ready for spring.
- Chili Golf will kick off on March 5<sup>th</sup> at Red Hawk Golf Course, this year we are taking reservations through the golf courses and inquiries about participating can be made directly by calling the Duck Creek Club house.
- All 3 Davenport Golf Pros contracts have been renewed and we look forward to another year with them.



- The Rivers Edge: We are expecting an uptick of ice usage at this location because of the winter Olympics.
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Director's Report – No Director Report

Riverfront Improvement Commission Update: No update, they didn't meet.

Advisory Time:

- Kefauver noted a trash problem at Lafayette Park, Herrington Park shelter area has a big crack in the concrete and paint is needed at that location; basketball court and trash cans. Staff noted the information.
- Walker asked about ice skating on Black Hawk retention pond. Director Dyson: This was an initiative by Alderman Dunn that has been very well received. Our department assist with the project every early on by clearing the ice and then Alderman Dunn worked with the fire department to lay down the water. Great usage and feedback from residents.
- Walker ask about the tree removal project on Credit Island. Betsy Tubbs: The Forestry Department with assistance from the Streets Department have been diligently working on removing the trees as time allows. We received an update yesterday and the project should be complete within a week or so.
- McBride asked is the Black Hawk detention pond would be cleaned out in the spring. Director Dyson: The detention ponds will drain naturally this spring but we will keep an eye on it this year to make sure is drains correctly with the additional water added this winter. We don't anticipate an issue.
- McBride: I saw new trees were planted on Credit Island. Who is in charge of deciding what is planted and where? Betsy Tubbs: Alderman Dunn, Jerry Coiner and many volunteers spent a day, last fall, replanting trees on the island to replace the trees that were removed. The Forestry Department has a reforestation plan for Credit Island, this comes directly out of the Forestry budget.
- Coiner asked how the new building at Emeis was going. Troy Evans: The building is complete and we are looking forward to the extra storage space. Coiner: Are you keeping the other 2 buildings? Troy Evans: Yes, we just replaced those roofs and have plans to tin them over so all 3 will match and look like a complex.
- Coiner asked what's new for 2022 at the golf courses. Troy Evans: Chili Golf will now be managed by golf course staff with the intent to expand it each year, the yearly equipment plan and funding from Public Works as been finalized to address our needs, on course restroom renovations will continue this year, Cosmic Golf will be scheduled this year and the bunkers at Emeis will be completed this year.

Greenlee moved to adjourn the meeting, Kefauver 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:36pm.





## ARPA PARK ENHANCEMENTS

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT | PROJECT # ARPPR03

### CORK HILL PARK

**ADDRESS |** 1100 Farnam Street  
**ESTIMATE |** \$300,000

**Ward |** Third  
**School |** Madison

Convert existing tennis courts (2) to a multi-sport court  
Replace simple splash pad with larger water feature

### DOHSE POOL

**ADDRESS |** 622 S. Concord Street  
**ESTIMATE |** \$500,000

**Ward |** First  
**School |** Hayes

Demo and fill existing pool, retaining restrooms  
Add large splash feature, seating, shade & access control

### EMEIS PARK

**ADDRESS |** 4500 W. Locust Street  
**ESTIMATE |** \$500,000

**Ward |** First  
**School |** Jackson

Replace existing play structure with inclusive play  
Add obstacle style play feature

### FEJERVARY PARK

**ADDRESS |** 1800 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
**ESTIMATE |** \$400,000

**Ward |** Fourth  
**School |** Monroe

Add the next phase of the master plan for the Fejervary Learning Center





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### HARBOR ROAD PARK

**ADDRESS** | 1230 S. Concord Street  
**ESTIMATE** | \$100,000

**Ward** | First  
**School** | Hayes

Add an obstacle style play feature designed for ages 5-12

### HERINGTON PARK

**ADDRESS** | 935 Brown Street  
**ESTIMATE** | \$200,000

**Ward** | Third  
**School** | Jefferson

Add a multi-sport court

### LAFAYETTE PARK

**ADDRESS** | 700 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
**ESTIMATE** | \$150,000

**Ward** | Third  
**School** | Jefferson

TBD – Add features to highlight history of the park  
Relocate the existing play structure away from 4<sup>th</sup> & Gaines intersection  
Add a walking path

### VAN BUREN PARK

**ADDRESS** | 205 S. Elmwood Avenue  
**ESTIMATE** | \$150,000

**Ward** | First  
**School** | Monroe

Convert existing tennis courts (2) to a multi-sport court



## ARPA PARK ENHANCEMENTS

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### WHALEN PARK

**ADDRESS** | 2935 W. 72<sup>nd</sup> Street

**ESTIMATE** | \$100,000

**Ward** | Eighth

**School** | Fillmore

Replace existing playground

### ESTIMATED TOTAL

#### WARD 1

Dohse Pool	\$500,000
Emeis Park	\$500,000
Harbor Road Park	\$100,000
Van Buren	\$150,000

#### WARD 3

Cork Hill Park	\$300,000
Herrington Park	\$200,000
Lafayette Park	\$150,000

#### WARD 4

Fejervary Park	\$400,000
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#### WARD 8

Whalen Park*	\$100,000
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#### TOTAL

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**\$2,400,000**



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**Park and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**February 17, 2022**  
**Staff Report**

Riverfront Improvement Commission up-date: Chris Meyer

**Notable updates from Staff**

**Park Operations**

- Staff continue work on tree trimming. The large logs at Credit Island are being reserved for possible incorporation into the nature play area being planned.
- Staff is working hard on setting up work tasks in the electronic work order system, Cartegraph. Once fully implemented, this will allow staff to give real statistics for cost per acre, time spent in various parks, etc.
- Park Operations and Golf staff hosted the first open interview of 2022 on February 10. The second open interview for part-time staff is March 10 at the Red Hawk Event Center. Please send interested candidates to us.

**Recreation**

- After not hosting the program last year, the youth basketball league began and is going well.
- The Quad Cities Corporate Games will return for 2022 and there are 12 teams signed up with a goal of 25 teams.
- The Weekend Propagator's Club is once again sold out and has sold out every year since 2011, even in 2020.
- High school recruitment for Youth Corps and recruitment for summer positions is going very well.
- Multiple college and high school hiring/recruitment events are planned for February and March for part-time, seasonal and summer open position as well as AmeriCorps and Youth Corps positions for 22/23.
- All kindergarten students in Davenport Community Schools traveled to Davenport Junior Theatre for a special 90-minute workshop series covering acting, costumes, lighting, sound, props, etc. using STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) to help participants becoming storytellers.
  - 1,100+ students over the course of 10 workshops and 6 days participated.
- Annie Jr opened the *Free for ALL to See* 70<sup>th</sup> Season on the Davenport Junior Theatre Mainstage on Saturday, February 12 and runs through Sunday, February 20 (see dates and times below in Community events).
- Roosevelt Community Center improvements are moving along well. The gym has been painted, the first floor corridor is scheduled to be painted at the end of the month, and carpet will be installed during spring break.

- *Can Play Courage League Sports* soccer program began Monday, February 7. This program is a partnership league with Hand-in-Hand, Inc.

#### Revenue Facilities

- Scheduling is complete for QCHA Spring Hockey. QCHA has not run a Spring Program since 2009.
- Winter sessions of Learn to Skate and Indoor Soccer Leagues are underway with average registration.
- Golf Maintenance team is grinding mowing reels, re-painting various items, and trimming trees during the late winter months.
- The Chili Golf Open is back again and hosted by the golf team at Red Hawk Golf and Learning Center (see date and time details below in Community Events).

### Top Staff Challenges

#### Park Operations

- Staffing continues to be the biggest challenge. This hiring season is will be crucial in finding good candidates for the year-round and seasonal positions.

#### Recreation

- Like Park Operations, staffing is continues to be the biggest challenge. The Hiring Committee continues to look for new ways to promote open position. It is a very busy time of year with winter programs currently running, preparing for spring/summer programs, registration for spring/summer going live, and trying to hire for the summer season.
- Special Olympics cancelled the basketball qualifying competition due to COVID numbers, but on a good note all of our teams now move onto the state tournament in Iowa City March 12.

#### Revenue Facilities

- Staffing continues to be our biggest challenge. The River's Edge has operated at about 1/3 of the standard levels. Low staffing levels continue to impact public skate and concessions offerings.

### Communication Updates

- The Spring/Summer 2022 Recreation Guide went live digitally on February 1 with the printed version being made available on February 7. Over 8,000 printed copies were delivered to the Davenport Community School District warehouse on Friday, February 11 for distribution to DCS primary schools throughout the city.
- Community Events (February & March)
  - **Annie Jr - Davenport Junior Theatre Mainstage Production** Saturdays, 2/12 & 2/19 and Sundays, 2/13 & 2/20 1PM & 4PM Davenport Junior Theatre
  - **Daddy-Daughter Dance** Saturday, 2/20 12-2PM & 5:30-8PM River Center
  - **Chili Open Golf Classic** Saturday, 3/5 Red Hawk Golf & Learning Center

- **March Open Interviews** Park Operations, Golf Course, and Recreation will each be hosting open interview days 3/10-3/18 at various times and locations (more details to come)
- **St. Patrick's Day Dance** Friday, 3/18 6-8:30PM Mississippi Valley Fairground – Starlight Ballroom (Adaptive & Inclusive event)
- Recreation Programs (February & March)
  - **The Theme's The Thing Spring Break Camp** Monday-Friday, 3/14-3/18 8:45AM-3:30PM Davenport Junior Theatre
  - **Weekend Propagator's Club** Saturday, 3/5 & Saturdays-Sundays, 3/12-4/24, 10AM-12PM Vander Veer Conservatory
  - **Spring Learn to Skate Lessons** Various days, 3/21-5/4 The River's Edge