

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022; 4:30 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

A. February 2022 Meeting Minutes

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. FY23 Park Development Fund Final Slate

B. Hiring and Recruitment- Presentation

C. 2022 Summer Voucher and Grants- Presentation

VI. Staff Reports

A. March 2022 Staff Report

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. April 21, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at City Hall, Council Chambers

City of Davenport
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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

Date
3/17/2022

Subject:
February 2022 Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENTS:

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REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Parks & Recreation	Rhoads, Jessica	Approved	3/15/2022 - 11:38 AM



Parks and Recreation Advisory February 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

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

January 20, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Motioned by Schertz to approve the minutes, 2nd by Kefauver.
Minutes approved 7-0.

Public with Comment: Bill H., commented on the Main Street Landing development project and improvements at the Centennial Park spray park.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- *Gingerbread Village Battle of the Schools* Winner-Trophy Presentation. Ellen Jardine and Addison Walters from Assumption High School accepted the winner's trophy on behalf of the Assumption High School Art Department.
- Master Plan Project Update - Patrick with Confluence reviewed the final updates within the Comprehensive Parks Master Plan.
Motion to accept the Master Plan as written and move it forward to council for review by Schertz, 2nd by Kefauver. Accepted 7-0.

Discussion Overview:

- How will the suggested changes to golf be implemented? Once the master plan is accepted by council, staff will start planning.
- Staffing at Credit Island to implement the suggested changes? This document contains recommendation for changes, a guiding document for the department. Once adopted staff will review options, budget restrictions, and create implementation plans.
- Park Operations Districting, why was that created and how is it working? Betsy Tubbs reviewed why we split the city into 4 districts and explained how it has made our staff more effective and positively involved with residents.
- Parks standards, where is Davenport compared to other like cities? Davenport has much more park land than other cities but equipment and amenities rate average when compared to like-size communities.
- Is there funding to add staff? Again, once the plan is accepted by council, DPR staff will work with HR and Finance to see what funding is available and where to apply changes.



- Timeline to move the document forward? In March this plan will be sent out for review during a council work session. Then we anticipate seeing the final document on an April Council agenda for final approval.

Staff Report:

See Written Staff Report

Director's Report – No Director Report

Riverfront Improvement Commission Update:

- Presentation: Presentation on Veterans Memorial Park construction (Phase 2).
- Discussion: Mid-American requests permanent easement for power lines over Veterans Memorial Park.
- Update: Quinlan Court will see additional programming this spring through fall, including a new Tuesday evening Bags League hosted by the department.

Advisory Time:

- None

Kefauver moved to adjourn the meeting, Spratt 2nd. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:24pm.

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March 2022 Staff Report

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Park and Recreation Advisory Board
March 17, 2022
Staff Report

Riverfront Improvement Commission up-date: Chris Meyer

Notable updates from Staff

Park Operations

- The first seasonal staff training took place on Monday, March 14. Those seasonal staff will begin working on Monday, March 21 cleaning parks and picking up limbs. Mowing will begin before we know it.
- We have a good group of returning staff and have a few more new hires lined up. We are still looking for staff, so please send interested people our way.
- CIP projects continue to progress. We have a lot going on – playgrounds, roofs, park restrooms, recreation trail reconstruction, parking lot reconstruction, VV stone bridge, and Whalen walking path to name a few. It's great, but busy!!

Recreation

- Staff took 40 athletes to Iowa City on Saturday, March 12 for the Special Olympics Mid-Winter Games.
- Twelve athletes qualified in Muscatine for the Special Olympics state swimming competition which takes place in Ames, IA during the summer games.
- The Special Olympic track program kicked off this week, with 65 athletes registered. The competition will be held April 9 in North Scott to see who moves on to State in May.
- A new AmeriCorps member started at Roosevelt Community Center with a focus on getting the computer lab running and securing volunteers for the food pantry.
- Another AmeriCorps Member started within the department administration, Dean Halverson. Dean is focused on setting up a volunteer tracking system for the department.
- The Performing Arts Spring Break Camp (March 14-18) registration is full with 48 participants.
- Junior Theatre hosted 1,100 kindergartners from all the Davenport Community Schools as part of the 90-minute workshop series.
- Davenport Junior Theatre's Mainstage Production of Annie Jr was the highest attended show in DJT history with over 1,900 attendees.
- Youth basketball and youth indoor soccer winter seasons closed the weekend of March 12. Both seasons went well with very few issues.
- March 13-19 is National AmeriCorps Week. At the Wednesday, March 16 Council meeting Riley Vaughan, Program Manager, received a proclamation from Mayor Matson

highlighting the positive impact the AmeriCorps program has on the Davenport community.

- The Daddy Daughter Dance, held Sunday, February 20, saw over 200 happy faces.
- Staff are busy planning and preparing for spring and summer programs in addition to hiring.

Revenue Facilities

- Golf is currently receiving and processing new staff candidates to supplement returning seasonal staff.
 - If weather continues to improve, golf staff may begin the week of March 21.
- Golf Pro Shops are fielding multiple calls daily inquiring about open for the season.
- The River's Edge is winding down a successful winter programming season which comes to an end late March/early April.

Top Staff Challenges

Park Operations

- Ongoing recruitment concerns, but department staff are working together to offer multiple opportunities for potential candidates to participate in open interviews and communication about our hiring has spread via print materials, banners, media outlets and on social media.

Recreation

- The wind storm on Saturday, March 6, caused damage to 10 soccer goals at the Davenport Soccer Complex. This damage resulted in postponing the start date for Spring Youth Soccer from April 9 to April 23. Also, securing volunteer coaches for youth soccer teams has been more of a challenge than normal.
- The Davenport Junior Theatre nonprofit partner, Junior Theatre, Inc. cancelled the next Mainstage Production, *The Phantom Tollbooth*, to focus on rebuilding the organization and development of post-COVID processes and procedures.
- Always one of the biggest challenges continues to be recruitment and hiring. Staff continue to go to the schools, hold job fairs and open interviews, all in an effort to fill all of our positions.

Revenue Facilities

- New employees are coming in slower than previous years, but good candidates.
- Turf conditions are often too soft, squishy and/or frozen dependent on variations between nice, warmer weather and freezing days for courses to open early.

Communication Updates

- Returning in 2022, the Summer Youth Scholarship Program for Davenport youth in grades K-12 will support participation in summer time programming. The scholarship program, funded through the CARES Act to address COVID-19 related needs in Davenport, provides scholarships for Davenport residents to attend eligible summer

programs that will help them regain educational, social, emotional, and developmental opportunities lost throughout the COVID pandemic. The program began accepting applications on Monday, March 7.

- The Summer Kids Pass will go on sale Monday, March 21. The pass is good Memorial Day through Labor Day for \$50 per child. Participating agencies include: Davenport Parks and Recreation, Figge Art Museum, Putnam Museum, Citibus, Scott County YMCAs and the Quad Cities River Bandits.
- Community Events (April & May)
 - **Family Spring Fling Dance** Saturday, 4/9 | 5:30-8PM | Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds – Starlight Ballroom
 - **Earth Day Extravaganza** Saturday, 4/23 | 12-3PM | Fejervary Learning Center
 - **Spring Formal** Sunday, 4/24 | 4:30-8:30PM | Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds – Starlight Ballroom (Adaptive & Inclusive Event)
 - **Spring Plant Sale** Friday-Sunday, 4/29-5/1 | Vander Veer Conservatory
 - Friday, 1-6PM | Saturday, 10AM-3PM | Sunday, 10AM-2PM
 - **Get Out and Trail (GOAT)** Saturday, 5/7 | Quad Cities are Trails
 - **Movies in the Park** Friday, May 13 | 6PM | Fejervary Park (Movie title to be announced beginning of April)
 - **Fejervary Family Fun Day - Kids to Park Day** Saturday, May 21 | 12-3PM | Fejervary Learning Center
- Recreation Programs (April & May)
 - **Spring Learn to Skate Lessons** Various days, 3/21-5/4 | The River's Edge
 - **Spring Skating Show** Friday, 4/24 | Time TBD
 - **Family Field Day** Saturday, 4/2 | 10-11:30AM | Miracle Field @ Prairie Heights Park (Adaptive & Inclusive Program)
 - **Walk in the Park (Spring)** Mondays & Wednesdays, 4/4-5/25 | 6:30-7:30AM
 - **Adult Spring Softball Leagues** Various days, 4/19-6/26 | Lindsay Park
 - **Friday Night Jams** Friday, 4/22 | 6:30-8:30PM | Roosevelt Community Center (Adaptive & Inclusive Program)
 - **Adult Spring Soccer Leagues** Various days, 5/1-6/26 | Davenport Soccer Complex
 - **Ballroom Dance Courses** Various dates and times March-May | Duck Creek Lodge