

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023; 4:30 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

A. December 2022 Meeting Minutes

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Dog Park Ad Hoc Committee-Report

VI. Staff Reports

A. January 2023 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. February 16, 2023, 4:30pm City Hall Council Chambers

City of Davenport
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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

Date
1/19/2023

Subject:
December 2022 Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENTS:

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REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Parks & Recreation	Rhoads, Jessica	Approved	1/17/2023 - 10:06 AM



**Parks and Recreation Advisory
December, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Coiner, Greenlee, Hu, Kefauver, Peterson, Powell, Schertz, and Witemeyer

Staff Present: Chad Dyson, Betsy Tubbs, Troy Evans, Becca Niles and Jessica Rhoads

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall 226 W 4th Street

May, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the November 2022 meeting minutes presented by Greenlee, 2nd by Spratt. Motion Passes 7-0

Public with Comment:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Park Development Program- Presentation by Director and Staff
(See full video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KeJRroZiMQc>)

Staff Report:

- See Written Staff Report
- Directors Report
 - Reminder Holiday Closures 12/23-12/26 and 01/02 and 01/16
 - Fejervary Light Show has a new addition, we invite everyone to visit the show again.

Advisory Time:

- None

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by Greenlee, 2nd by Kefauve. Motion Passes 7-0

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Park and Recreation Advisory Board

January 19, 2023

Staff Report

Notable updates from Staff

Park Operations

- ARPA projects are continuing to progress:
 - Harbor Road Park obstacle course – **completed**.
 - Lafayette Park playground – **completed**.
 - Whalen Park playground has been delivered – Spring installation.
 - Cork Hill, Herrington and Van Buren Park multi-sport courts – bid documents are ready, removal of tennis courts has begun at Cork Hill and Van Buren; the warm weather has hindered staff ability to complete the demo work due to the need for frozen, more solid ground.
 - Emeis Park obstacle course playground has been ordered; Emeis inclusive playground is in design phase.
 - Cork Hill splash pad has been ordered;
 - Dohse splash and play area design work is continuing.
- Other CIP project updates include:
 - Vander Veer greenhouse roof – **completed**.
 - Dillon fountain electrical upgrades work was awarded
 - Whalen Park walking path design completed and in the City's E-plan review; bidding will commence soon.
 - Credit Island Park nature playground will be in E-plan review soon.
 - LeClaire House and Fejervary Cougar House roof replacements projects are in contract with Legat Architects.
 - Annie Wittenmyer roof project is being designed in-house; the plans are currently in E-plan review.
 - Vander Veer Stone bridge – met with the Friends of Vander Veer, they are reaching out to a local concrete company to talk about an in-kind donation or reduced fee.
- The milder winter has allowed staff to work on tree branch trimming and other outdoor projects.

Recreation

- Winter Special Olympics was held Jan. 10-11 in Dubuque. Scott County team brought 12 athletes to compete in skiing and snowshoeing events. The athletes all received multiple medals.
- Boiler function at Davenport Junior Theatre has been outstanding since, due to great interdepartmental partnerships with Facility Maintenance in Public Works, a full-time staff has been assigned to it and others on the DJT campus.
- Davenport Junior Theatre held a 3-night all staff training with Jennifer Best at Iowa State extension on youth development, neurodiversity, and how to build a successful classroom. It went very well.
- AmeriCorps has opened the Youth Corps applications and already has 8 returning members.
- We have reached the 3rd highest Learn to Skate enrollment, while instituting lower class ratios which make them more conducive to learning and safety on ice.

Revenue Facilities

- January is National Skate Month. Figure Skating Club of the Quad Cities is conducting an event 1/21 6pm-8pm. It is a public skate where the club offers mini lessons to all participants.
- Late Winter/Early Spring Learn to Skate Session began 1/9.
- Duck Creek Golf Course will remain open for play when 50 degree weather is forecasted. There have been a few days of 15-30 players this winter.
- Golf and Forestry are working together to take out more dead ash trees and trimming oak limbs.

Top Staff Challenges

Park Operations

- Staff will begin recruiting efforts for the 2023 season after the New Year. The department will take any help in spreading the word that Davenport Parks and Recreation is a great place to work.
- Open interviews for Park Operations and Golf Courses will take place Thursdays, 2/16, 3/2 and 3/16 from 8:30am – 10:30am at the Red Hawk Golf Course and Learning Center.

Recreation

- With a 2 year break from running Night 2 Shine in-person, staff are having trouble filling the buddy volunteer slots. Please consider volunteering. The event is Friday, Feb 10 from 6-9pm. Volunteers can sign up at <https://www.qcnight2shine.org/>.
- Communication challenges with DCSD email issues has continued to be a problem with scheduling programs and other partnering issues.
- The hiring process challenges continue but leadership is looking for strategic ways to address the challenges.
- Unfortunately, staff had to cancel the Mother/Son Formal for the 3rd year in a row and are re-evaluating the family/parent dances for next year to determine how to proceed.

Revenue Facilities

- Several machines, parts, and supplies are back-ordered up to 1 year.
- Staffing challenges continue for our entry level work at all facilities.

Communication Updates

- Community Events (January-February)
 - Mainstage Productions: The Wind in the Willows Saturdays, 2/11 or 2/18 | 1PM or 4PM and Sundays, 2/12 or 2/19 | 3PM | Davenport Junior Theatre
 - QC Night to Shine Friday, 2/10 | 6-10PM | Bend XPO, East Moline
 - Daddy Daughter Dance Friday, 2/27 | 5:30-8PM | Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds – Starlite Ballroom
- Recreation Programs (January-February)
 - Tae Kwon Do Tuesdays, 1/10-3/14 | 6-7PM | Roosevelt Community Center
 - Self Defense Tuesdays, 1/10-3/14 | 7-8PM | Roosevelt Community Center

- **Adult Indoor Soccer Leagues** Days Vary, 1/11-3/12 | Times Vary | The River's Edge-Turf Area
- **High School Indoor Soccer Leagues** Days Vary, 1/20-3/12 | Times Vary | The River's Edge-Turf Area
- **Youth Indoor Soccer Leagues** Days Vary, 1/21-3/11 | Times Vary | The River's Edge-Turf Area
- **Friday Night Jams** Friday, 1/27 & 2/24 | 6-9PM | Roosevelt Community Center
- **Youth Basketball - Winter** Saturdays, 2/4-3/11 | Times Vary | Various Davenport Community Schools
- **Scrapbooking** Saturday, 2/4, 3/4 | 8:30AM-5:30PM | Roosevelt Community Center
- **There's Not Flake Like a Snowflake** Tuesday, 2/7 | 3-4PM | Vander Veer Conservatory
- **Courage Cubs & Tigers** Mondays, 2/6-2/27 | 5:30-6:30PM / 7-8PM | Roosevelt Community Center
- **Notable Dates (January-February)**
 - New **Spring/Summer 2023 Recreation Guide** available by mid-February digitally and in print.
 - **Park Operations and Golf Course Open Interviews** will be held Thursdays, 2/16, 3/2 and 3/16, 8:30-10:30AM.

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