PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2018; 12:00 PM

RIVER'S EDGE 700 W RIVER DRIVE DAVENPORT, IA 52802

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - A. September 11th 20018 Meeting Minutes-ACTION
- III. Public Comment
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- IX. Next Meeting Date and Location
 - A. Next meeting will be held November 13th, 2018 at the Rivers Edge at 12:00pm

Department: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Date Contact Info: Chad Dyson 563-326-7817 10/9/2018

Subject:

September 11th 20018 Meeting Minutes-ACTION

ATTACHMENTS:

Description Type

Executive Summary 9-11-18 Meeting Minutes

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes September 11th, 2018 at Rivers Edge

Present: Steve Duffy, Kim Knoth, Maureen Lemek, Wendy Peterson, Ryan Roberson, Alex Schlue, Leah

Spratt, Richard Thomas, Jerry Coiner

Staff Present: Chad Dyson, Theresa Hauman, Betsy Tubbs, Troy Evans, Kathy Lafrenz, Jessica Rhoads

Public Present: Cathy Longoria and Scott Markuson

The meeting was called to order at 12 pm

1) Roll Call: See above.

2) Approval of Minutes:

Spratt moved for approval of the September 11th, 2018 minutes and Duffy seconded; Minutes were approved as written.

3) Public Comment:

- a. Scott Markuson (Goose Creek Resident) Proposed increasing the use and traffic in Gooses Creek Park by establishing additional "Pokegyms", "PokeStops" and special Pokémon events. He explained the park is perfect for this use because of the location, parking access, Sprint tower located very close providing high speed internet access as well as the abundant open area to walk and interact with the game. Scott also suggested putting in a mulch walking path on the outer perimeter of the park to reduce wear and tear from the additional 30-50 people that would be drawn to the park during events. Chair Thomas asked: What area of the park would be used? Scott: Any and all open space is usable. Chair Thomas: Would this be in partnership with the Disc Golf course proposal for that park. Scott: These would be 2 different events/activities but they would be able to be held at the same time with no interference. Chair Thomas: Can you come to the October 9th meeting with a full proposal? Scott: Yes
- **b.** Kathy Longoria (Goose Creek Resident) Kathy represents the Goose Creek Heights Association. The Association would like to see a Disc Golf course installed at Goose Creek Park to increase traffic and recreational amenities at that location. A disc golf course would draw league players as well as tournament to the park. The Association has volunteers in place to help with events. One of the members of the neighborhood group is a Disc Golf League Coordinator and is working on updating the written proposal made 8 years ago and will include cost of project as well as a suggested course layout. Coiner: Are these local leagues? Kathy: Yes, the proposal is being written by an Association member and disc golf league coordinator. Chair Thomas: Schlue and Knoth will you please work with Kathy and Scott on their proposals to be presented at the next meeting. Schlue and Knoth agreed.

4) Old Business:

- **a.** Updated copy of the page of By-Laws article 2.3 revision- Motion to approve as written by Peterson 2nd by Lemke. Motions passes 9-0
- **b.** Advisory Board Purpose Statement Report- Knoth: We sent out 4 questions out to board members and I received no response. Spratt: I didn't receive any responses to the questions either. Knoth: Chair Thomas motioned to resend the questions, 2nd by Roberson. Passed 9-0 Questions will be resent to Board members, with report to be given on the October 9th meeting.





700 WEST RIVER DRIVE, DAVENPORT, IOWA 52802 ♦ 563-328-PARK (7275) ♦ www.cityofdavenportiowa.com/parks 5) New Business:

- **a.** Election of Officers:
 - i. Chair Election- Knoth motioned to re-elect Chair Thomas 2nd by Spratt. Passed 9-0. Thomas accepted the position of Board Chair.
 - ii. Vice Chair election- Cioner motioned to re-elect Peterson 2nd by Spratt. Passed 9-0. Peterson accepted the position of Board Vice-Chair
 - iii. Secretary election- Peterson motioned to re-elect Spratt 2nd by Coiner. Passed 9-0. Spratt accepted the position of Board secretary.
- b. Marquette Bike Trail Proposal: FORC member Dan Presented to the Board. Biking trails installed on 15 acres of City owned land at and round North Marquette Dog Park. All funding, construction and maintenance provided by FORC. Coiner asked: How would you keep ATVS off the trails? Dan: The more the area is used the less unapproved use will happen. Thomas asked: What about limited parking in the area? Dan: On street parking will be the only parking, by many riders will ride into the area and not need to park due to the in city location. Schlue asked: Can you get to the trails another way? Dan: Officially there will only be 1 access point off Marquette Street. Peterson asked: How do we insure this project complies with city code? Dan: we are in touch with Council, will be following the national trail standards and follow the Sunderbauch trail model which is in compliance with all codes. Director Dyson explained: The next steps in this process would include a neighborhood meeting, all city departments to review and approve proposal, draft an agreement and get it approved by Council. Staff is supportive of the proposal. Knoth asked: How this would affect wildlife in the area? Dan: FORC is mindful of wild life and plant life and would minimize all negative effects by creating trails that would not disrupt the natural setting. Duffy Moved to forward the proposal to a neighborhood meeting, 2nd by Peterson. Passed 9-0

6) Staff Reports:

- **a.** Riverfront Improvement Commission Report- Next meeting Sept 25th. Lease signed with Taste of Ethiopia in the Package Express space. Freight House has 2 finalized agreements for rentals with a Dinner and a Pizzeria. Commissions Strategic planning is complete and are now setting priorities of projects and funding for the next 3 years.
- **b. Park Operations:** See written staff report Chair Thomas asked: Where the 2 playgrounds approved? Betsy: They will be approved tomorrow. Peterson: What are the next steps with the Duck Creek DOLA? Betsy: The same as the Marquette Bike Trail proposal. Peterson: The location looks very close to the tennis court. Issues? Director Dyson: Staff will be putting together a formal plan with location options to be discussed.
- c. Recreation: See written repot
- d. Revenue Facilities: See written report
- **e. Director's Report:** Director Dyson gave examples of surrounding areas Dog Park Policies: Dog Park tag program, copy of an application and how funds received were sent on upgrades to the park and park attendants. He reported this is preliminary information and if the board would like an official staff proposal that could be created if the board would like to prose this as a possible option. Roberson expressed safety concerns at DOLA south and regulation and rule enforcement needs looked into for the safety of residents and dogs. Schlue asked if the proposed fee structure cover operating expenses and attendants. Director Dyson: Yes the dog Parks operated in the black with attendants and were able to reinvest in the park.

7) Advisory Time:

a. Coiner: Where are we at with the Senior Tee's at the golf course. Troy: Project is done operational all CIP funding gone. Staff will continue to work on the project as funding and





- **b. Knoth:** Can we install little baskets for broken tees? Troy: We had them before. Currently we do not have staff available to maintain these types of projects.
- c. Schlue: Let's add both Goose Creek Proposals to the October 9th meeting.
- **d. Chair Thomas:** Chad will you request a Council rep here for our meetings? Director Dyson: Yes, I will ask the Mayor to appoint a rep to the Department and the board. Chair Thomas: We need to settle the

8) Next Meeting Dates and Location:

Next Meeting-Tuesday, October 9th, 2018 at 12pm @ the River's Edge.

9) Adjournment

It was motioned by Coiner and 2nd by Roberson that the meeting be adjourned. It was approved and adjourned at 1:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Jessica Rhoads, Administrative Assistant

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Welcome Aldermen Condon, Parks and Recreation Council Chair

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Board Statement-REPORT

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Goose Creek Disc Golf Proposal-ACTION

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Backup Material Goose Creek Disc Golf Proposal

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Date: October 9, 2018

To: Chad Dyson, Director

From: Betsy Tubbs, Senior Parks Manager

Re: Goose Creek Disc Golf proposal

Advisory Board role:

Provide review and recommendation for Alderman/Neighborhood input.

Background:

A proposal has been received from a few neighbors of Goose Creek Park. The proposal involves the development of an 18 hole disc golf course. A similar proposal has been presented in the past but did not receive the necessary support or funding to implement it.

Some items to notes:

- 1. The Parks and Recreation Department currently supports two 18 hole Disc Golf courses Eastern Avenue Park and Credit Island Park. There are an additional six Disc Golf holes at Slattery Park.
- 2. At this time, no money is allocated for the purchase of 18 baskets, signs or concrete for tee pads. A base budgetary number would be \$10,000 \$12,500, this does not include labor for installation.
- 3. If this project moves forward, staff would recommend contracting the installation services which require an increase in funding. Parks staffing is such that we do not have the capacity to take on this large of a project with our available staff.
- 4. The proposed layout of the course has a couple of the holes situated very close to the existing playground. This is a safety concern with errant discs possibly sailing into the playground.
- 5. There is an existing parking lot that could service the course.
- 6. This is a neighborhood park with no restroom facilities.

A copy of the proposal received is attached.

Overview

Goose Creek Park is located behind the Davenport North High School Track facility. Within the park, there is a 20-acre area which the City of Davenport is already mowing, cleaning, and maintaining. However, it's an area very seldom used by the public, aside from the playground/water park features. This proposal is for the installation of an 18-hole disc golf course in that area of Goose Creek Park.

Scope

The Quad City metropolitan area has seen a huge increase in popularity of the sport of disc golf (Frisbee™ golf) in recent years. The sport, playable by people ages 3-90+, continues to be a draw for the city, county, and state parks around the world. The Quad City Area boasts multiple championship-caliber courses, and has made itself a travel destination for disc golfers in the Midwest. Through recent course additions over the past 15 years, the area draws major national attention of the Professional Disc Golf Association (PDGA), and has even hosted two World Championship tournaments: The Women's World Championship was held in 2009, and the Junior World Championship was held in 2017. A disc golf course at Goose Creek Park would be a great complement to the championship-caliber courses already in place within Davenport, and would create a more casual or recreational player-friendly 'stepping stone' course for the population. Currently, Eastern Avenue Park has an intermediate/advanced level course, Credit Island Park has an advanced/professional level course, and West Lake Park has a professional/elite caliber course.

The goal of the Goose Creek Park Disc Golf project is to install a beginner-friendly course, in hopes of promoting younger populations and new players to gain interest, hone skills, promote positive traffic, and increase the Quad City representation of the sport. With the YMCA within a short walk, the high school campus butting up to the acreage, and the surrounding young population, this course would promote a positive activity, increase park utilization, and be an instrument of skill development, leading to further use of other local courses and continued skill development. The sport of Disc Golf could be added to school curriculums. The introduction of this low cost/low stress/competitive/healthy option to a young population will promote healthy activity, promote an increase in the sport's population, and improve area disc golf talent. Many parks have found increasing the positive traffic and activity in the area decreases many negative aspects currently found in the area. Additionally, this often-overlooked population is starving for an outlet for positive activities, a challenge, and a mechanism for stepping outside their comfort zones, in a very positive manner. Could a child from Davenport be the next champion disc golfer?

Benefits

1. Disc Golf's high benefit-to-cost ratio makes it easy for an extremely large population. The cost to play disc golf can be as little as a \$7 disc. Professional-level players carry pull-carts/bags/20+ discs/accessories/etc – despite the amount of equipment, the cost usually doesn't exceed the cost of a golf club. Additionally, Disc Golf can be enjoyed by young children (generally brought by an interested parent), teens, adults, and even older populations. As an example, Eastern

Avenue Park even has an 'old guy' league that regularly meets on Sundays, with participating players generally older than 60.

- a. There is very little cost to the city beyond initial investment, and that investment comparatively is incredibly small. For perspective, a tennis court can exceed \$100,000 of up-front investment, and 4 people can use that court at one time. A disc golf course can be installed for less than \$20,000, and up to 72 players (4 per hole) can play at the same time during league/tournament play.
- b. Installation costs can be dramatically reduced by volunteer labor, based on city's allowance of assistance and liability limitations.
- 2. Disc Golf courses take advantage of generally under-used land. The area for which the city already invests money and manpower to maintain is serving a very small base of hikers, walkers, picnickers, etc. Instead, the Disc Golf course could use the space already mowed/maintained. The park would see a boost in traffic, and utilize the areas of the park that are already being maintained. As stated earlier, installing a course creates extra traffic in an area to which currently could use more eyes & ears and reduce negative or unwelcome activities.
- 3. Disc Golf promotes good health and exercise.
- 4. Disc Golf courses increase player populations, increases disc golf awareness and competition, and further grows the sport. In most sports, the earlier the players start to learn and the larger the amount of players available, the more opportunity for success and growth is available to players. Challenging young/beginner players with a course closer to their skill level promotes continued efforts and brings new players back.
- 5. Disc Golf is a fun, friendly activity that self-governs park cleanliness. Disc Golfers take pride in their courses, and often promote a 'take more out that what you bring in' mentality. Often times, you'll see disc golfers bring garbage bags to simply pick up litter during their rounds.

Timeframe and Costs

Timeframe:

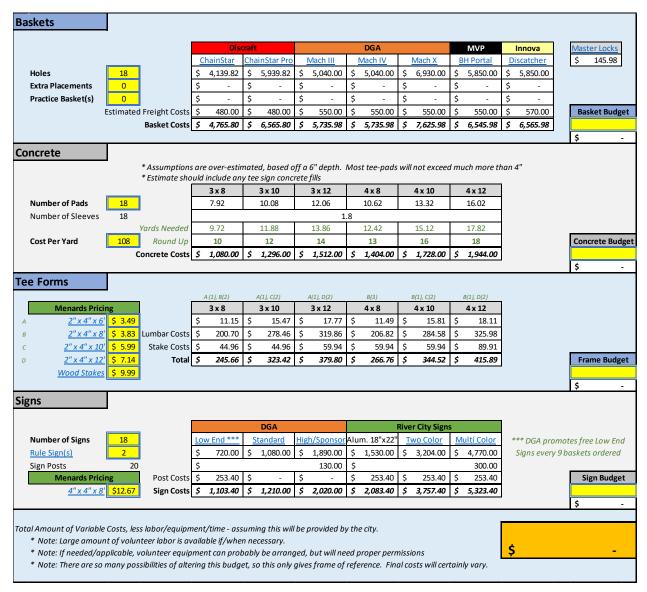
This project would be a very fast installation/build. The land is currently being maintained, so there isn't any need for dramatic pruning or cleaning up. The land is basically 'ready to go'. Timing would probably only be limited to the city's labor and equipment available, or allowance of volunteer labor and equipment – or insurance liability limitations. Generally, with a decent skid steer and operator, auger attachment, and coordination with a cement company, this course could be installed over a weekend.

More detailed explanation and sample timelines:

- Friday Work: Mark and auger holes for tee signs and baskets. Prepare ground using a skid steer for 9 frames for tee-pads at grade-level (if constructing with cement).
- Saturday Work: Cement truck pouring basket/sign holes, along with pre-prepared 9 tee pads. While that work is being done, the remaining 9 tee pads can be prepared and framing built. Cement can then be added to those.
- Sunday Work: Wait for cement to dry.

Costs:

Below, there is a chart describing some of the variable expenses involved with a disc golf course, and an idea of how financing could be allocated based on quality and/or course needs. These primary costs are the baskets, signs, and 'tee pads' if construction is wanted. (Note: the grid below is an interactive spreadsheet which can be manipulated to course specifications, and can be sent seperately.)



There are many different options, depending on if time or money are a driving factor. Baskets and entry-level signs, combined with no tee pads, could show course costs reduced to as little as \$5k-\$6k. With the addition of some nice amenities (tee signs/concrete pads), a quality course could still be installed for approximately \$10,000.

Maintaining the Course

The area is already maintained, so beyond some possible additional passes with the mower, no further maintenance is necessary. Regularly spaced course trash cans are encouraged to reduce litter, so pickup of garbage may need to be added to the park routes. Based on city allowance/permission, some course work may be done ahead of time, but that would likely be limited to general tree pruning, weed-eating, and debris removal.

Insurance and Liability

lowa's recreational statute protects landowners from liability: The lowa statute limits this protection to instances in which people do not pay for access and only for activities that are listed in the statute. (Iowa Code §461C) (summer and winter sports included in this statute).

This statute protects the City of Davenport from assuming a risk of liability for anyone hurt while using the course for recreational use.

For tournaments to which a sanctioning agreement is needed, the PDGA – along with the hosting party – have liability coverages built in or already established, in case some sort of unforeseen event occurs. The City of Davenport would be informed of the liability insurance, and could then agree to the limitations given by the vendor and/or PDGA.

Regarding the insurance for the maintenance/construction of the course, this would be based on the City of Davenport's exposure and comfort. There is certainly donated time and volunteer labor available, however if the city wants to limit that involvement to city employees/equipment, that would eliminate exposure to outside claims.

Course Design

Below is an example of the proposed layout for the course. The course begins near the large parking lot and provides two 9-hole loops that return to the parking lot (similar to the way traditional "ball golf" courses are designed). This design is able to be modified, as per park requirements, but it has been designed with safety of park users in mind.



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Parks and Recreation Written Staff Report-DISCUSSION

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Staff Report- Park Advisory Board October 9th, 2018

Upcoming Events

- Cocoa Beano race in Village of East Davenport/Lindsey
- Harvest Fest October 20th 12-5pm @ Fej Learning Center
- Junior Theatre Halloween Bash October 26th 5:30-7:30
- Halloween Parade October 27th, Downtown Davenport

Status-Previous Board Items and Discussions

Notable updates from Staff

Park Operations

- CIPs in process Slattery and Lower Lindsey restroom upgrades install scheduled for week of Oct 8 weather permitting; LeClaire Park restroom remodel – work has started; Fejervary Learning Center restroom remodel – bid documents to purchasing within the next few weeks; Swimming pool improvements – painting has begun, a list of items has been created by staff to purchase; Ridgeview ballfield – expansion complete with free dirt and seed planted and starting to sprout!; Litter Vac – ETA mid-November; Credit Island Entrance Improvements – finalizing design, bid within next month; Soccer Complex parking lot – combining 2 CIP accounts to allow for \$115,000 worth of work to be done on the parking lot
- Season is winding done; will begin seasonal staff layoffs in the next few weeks
- No additional feature piece from the Davenport Welding class due to the overwhelming requests they are receiving in part due to the success of our joint projects. New holiday lights will be installed, just not a custom feature piece.

Recreation

- Staff is in contact with the Pokémon League to provide more game and events at Goose Creek.
- Continuing recurrent for AmeriCorps members and Stepping Stone and AmeriCorp open staff positions.

Revenue Facilities

The Golf courses delayed 'Greens Aeration' until October, (usually done in early September) in order to entertain additional September golf outings.

- Rivers Edge continues efficiency upgrades, the building entry way lights have been replaced with efficient LEDS.
- Hockey season is in full swing, Augustana and the QC Blues have hosted home games already and travel leagues for all ages start 10/13. This weekend 10/6 1:45pm-2:45pm there is a Girls Try Hockey for Free Event hosted in partnership with the Hockey Association.

Top Staff Challenges

Park Operations

- Five floods this year!
- Rain has made our 10 day mow cycle a challenge. We were often leaving wind rows behind.

Recreation

- Recruiting for positions
- Staff illness

Revenue Facilities

• Very Wet weather making maintenance difficult, and business inconsistent.

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