



ORIGINAL

PARK & RECREATION MEETING Minutes of October 2, 2024

The Park and Recreation Board met at the Alexandria City Building on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Present: Karen Minshall Rick Carr Laura Fincher
Daniel Phirman

Absent: Fred Hollmann

Also Present: David Plummer, City Administrator Kim Wagner, Recreation Director
Heather Tackett, Recreation Programmer

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 4, 2024

MOTION: Rick Carr made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 4, 2024 meeting, seconded by Laura Fincher. All in favor, motion passed 4-0-0.

VISITORS and GUESTS:

Jennifer Davis and Vickie Chamberlain: Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Chamberlain spoke on behalf of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society and expressed interest in building and installing a "Little Library" at the Community Park.

MOTION: Rick Carr made a motion to accept the group's offer and to direct them to work with Mrs. Wagner on the details of location, etc., seconded by Laura Fincher. All in favor, the motion passed 4-0-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Halloween Walk: Scheduled for October 26, Mrs. Wagner was finalizing groups and scenes for the event.

Pickleball Courts: Mr. Plummer said his only update was that the goal was to be at 60% design completion by October 4.

Shelter Reservations: Updates to the Park Shelter reservation form have been made, but they are not yet available to book online.

Discuss/Update Bylaws: After some discussion, it was decided that each board member should bring any comments or changes that they have to the November meeting and then one person can incorporate them into a draft for review.

Park Use Survey: The Board discussed the timeline for this idea and the types of questions that might be useful. Laura Fincher volunteered to work on a list of ideas and to put them into a draft for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Update: The Board reviewed the summary presented by Mrs. Fincher.

Recreational Director Update: Mrs. Wagner said that 15 trees needed to be trimmed or removed by Kremer Tree Service. She also said it was brought to her attention that the lower park shelter needed a new roof. The Board asked that she get more details on how long the current roof could last and the cost to replace it.

City Administrator Update: Mr. Plummer informed the Board that the city had acquired some skate park equipment, and he was open to ideas on how to use it, possibly at the park.

Park Usage Ideas: Discussion started with a question on whether the area and trails near the lower dam could be used for mountain biking and if there would be any interest. Two ideas were brought forth from the discussion. One being that a Bike Day event for kids would be a good event to host at the park. The second was that a survey on park usage would be good to help direct the board on community priorities. The Board and recreation staff will continue to work on this and hope to put out a survey for ideas and input.

Agenda items for next Meeting:

- a. Halloween Walk Summary
- b. Pickleball Courts
- c. Discuss/Update Bylaws
- d. Park Use Survey
- e. Budget Update
- f. Recreational Director Update
- g. City Administrator Update

COMMUNICATION: None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Rick Carr made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Dan Phirman. All in favor, motion passed 4-0-0.

Attested to and submitted by:


Stephanie Tarter, City Clerk


Karen Minshall, Chairperson

Dated 11/6/24

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