

CITY OF MERRIAM PARK AND RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, May 28th, 2019
6:00PM

Roll Call

The May meeting of the Merriam Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 6:00 pm, by Chairperson Billy Crook. Board members in attendance included: Kathy Stull, LaVera Howard, Christopher Leitch, Thelma Fowler, Katie Leary and Grant Getzlow. Staff members in attendance included: Anna Slocum, Director; Dave Smothers, Assistant Director; Renee Nagle, Recreation Supervisor, and Ingrid Berg, Assistant Program Coordinator.

Public Comments

There was no one present for public comments.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Christopher Leitch made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes and Kathy Stull seconded the motion; motion was approved unanimously.

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Community Center Update

Staff is attending weekly OAC meetings to stay updated on construction progress. These meetings are also used to problem solve and share input on design conflicts as well as recommend changes based on availability of product. Depending on the weather, the garage should have all structural components completed next week. The south natatorium foundation wall is set. They have been alternating digging piers and footings with setting foundation walls as the weather permits as some things are easier to do in the rain than others. Board members and staff watched the April drone video from McCarthy.

Update City Council Direction May Meeting

The proof of residency definition that Park Board recommended passed unanimously with one minor change to add being able to use state issued identification as well as valid driver's license. The household definition passed unanimously with City Council encouraging an "add-on fee" for households of more than six. Council members approved the room names suggested for new community center (banquet-Founders Room- with Campbell, Kessler, Loomis; Classroom-Ester Brown Room; Party Rooms-Trolley and Depot; Conference Room-Walker School Room). The By-Laws changes that were suggested passed unanimously with the exception of virtual link for Park Board meetings. Park Board requested guidance on the direction for virtual link-up. Three points were shared:

- 1) Although it does provide opportunity to participate, there needs to be strict guidelines to prevent abuse
- 2) It would allow younger demographics more flexibility, but timing with the current technology capabilities is challenging.
- 3) It does set a precedent for other committees within the city.

The direction provided was to wait on this change until settled in the new building and staff has a chance to understand the interface with technology then create a policy for use. It is also recommended to revisit the number absences allowed when developing this policy.

Turkey Creek Car and Motorcycle Show Update

The Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, September 14th this year. The committee has been meeting the second Wednesday of each month. The logo has been finalized and sponsorship for inclusion in all print materials has concluded. To date there has been \$4,600 received in sponsorship with an additional \$1,000 committed but not yet received. In addition, in-kind sponsorship included \$1,000 in door prizes, free printing of the calendar, and use of an extended sound system at no charge. The calendar that is given to all registrants is being finalized as is the T-shirt color and fabric. Registration forms will be mailed to past participants in June. The committee focus will now shift to finalizing day of event logistics.

Assistant Director's Report

Reports

Farmers' Market Monthly Update

The number of shoppers for the first three weeks combined is 336 (as compared with 632 for 2018). June, July and August are the busier months. There are still open stalls and there has been about three daily vendors each Saturday.

Upcoming Events

Tim Murphy Art Gallery

North American Spirit is the June show with the opening night reception scheduled for Thursday, June 6th from 7-8:30 pm. The show is a unique in that several pieces are a "team effort" between artists Irene Schomacker and Kay Tucker.

Recreation Supervisor's Report

Upcoming Events

Party in YOUR Park-Quail Creek

This event is scheduled for Friday, June 21st from 6:30-8:30 pm at Quail Creek Park (7024 Grandview Ave).

The band will be Beauty and the McBeest, the face painter and inflatable are confirmed. The menu is changing to pulled chicken and pulled pork sandwiches.

New Business

Park Board Vacancy

Four applications have been received and the selection process has begun.

Revenue Guidelines / Pricing Discussion

This discussion was tabled as it is aided by a Power Point presentation which was unable to be shown due to severe storms forcing the meeting to relocate to the storm shelter of the building.

Other Business

5701 Steering Committee Update

The committee met after the public meeting on April 29th to discuss results. It seems the largest interest is for outdoor usage.

Art Committee Update

*Art Project #3 - Waterfall Park-Selection was "Hmmm." The project was installed in April, a month later than contract mostly due to weather. There is a little work still required with landscaping and lighting which is slated to be complete in early May. Dedication date to be determined.

*Art Project #4 - City Hall Façade and lobby. On February 18th the committee met with outside design consultants to discuss areas for improvement for both the outside and inside of City Hall as well as looking at specific art projects. On

March 7th they had a meeting for consultants present their ideas. At the March 28th meeting the committee prioritized suggestions and agreed to base decision on budget plus other factors. It was decided to choose a piece for the outside first and this recommendation will be taken to City Council. The final selection is to be determined.

*Art Project #5 – Community Center-There will be three pieces of art, two in the courtyard entry leading into the community center and one on the two story wall of the parking structure. On February 8th the committee was provided submissions from approximately 126 potential selections. They met again on February 16th and selected six. On May 4th those six were invited to make in-person presentations and five of the six came. At end of day, the artist selection was made and staff are working with the artist to complete contracts that will go before City Council for approval.

Adjournment

LaVera Howard moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm due to weather threats of tornados and Katie Leary seconded; motion was approved unanimously.