



Recreation and Parks Advocacy Commission

Meeting Summary

June 21, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

NAME	REPRESENTATION
Aaron Davis (AD)	City Staff
Sherri Seagroves (SS)	City Limits
Jesse Whitaker (JW)	City Limits
Tanner Deisch (TD)	City Limits
Shayla Clemons-Armas (SA)	City Limits

Present: Shayla Clemmons-Armas, Tanner Deisch, Jesse Whitaker, John Kirby, Aaron Davis

- AD announced that several members were on the road and not present. SS was attending a wilderness survival training
- JW called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- Committee approved minutes from April 19, 2021 meeting
 - TD – motion to approve
 - SCA – 2nd motion
 - Motion approved unanimously – motion passed

Council Member Meeting Updates: ALL

AD stated that JB had shared responses from city council questionnaire. AD opened the floor for discussion.

JW said it will be interesting to see who is running for city council and AD said it may be an opportunity to connect with them to prior to the election.



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JK stated that it was amazing to see the MACC come to fruition.

AD envisions adding music, arts and more to the Recreation and Parks Department.

Budget Update: AD

AD stated the budget was approved 2 weeks ago and it was a smooth process. The basketball court was approved, new lighting at Youth Field, and the master plan. Council waited on reclassification for new jobs. The position for the Program Coordinator is on council's July agenda for approval.

Chess Park: AD

AD stated we are not moving forward with a policy; we will wait until the master plan is complete. If the community decides that a chess park is a priority, we will then address the policy. AD talked to the coordinator of the chess group and explained this.

Project Updates: AD

AD shared that the windows in the baseball tower at the MACC will be replaced, a new storage building will be added, restrooms at Youth Field updated, and the slide was ordered for the Old Rec playground.

The assessment at Lake Michael has been completed. This will be a big ticket item in next year's budget.

Lake Michael – it will be 2022 before we rent vessels again, March – Oct.

Grants: AD

AD stated that they are in the process of applying for grants

Recreation Trails Program grant – it's a \$100,000 grant and \$25,000 match from council. This grant would provide money to connect the trail all the way around Lake Michael. A meeting was held with residents in close proximity of the trail, 24 were in attendance, 4 had questions.



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T Mobile grant – this would provide funding for the amphitheater at the Community Park. We need letters of support; please let me know if you are willing to write.

The city purchased the six acres in front of the Community Park. We are applying for a retroactive park grant. AD asked the committee to put our thinking caps on, what are using this for? Pool, parking, lacrosse field?

SCA asked about the expansion of the MACC. AD stated that they would like to expand and add an indoor pool, fitness rooms, locker rooms. It was discussed that the MACC lacks a shower facility. We also need to look at expanding south of the interstate.

Policy to Council: AD

AD is taking 4 policies to Council in July

- Metal detector – you can't dig or deface park property
- Drone – Where you can take off from and when you can use a camera
- Athletic program scholarship – if you qualify for free lunch you are eligible; scholarships are first come first serve and money is received from rental fees
- Tennis Lesson / Court Rental

Renting facilities; SCA asked if there is an app and AD said it's a web-app and there is a mobile version but not an actual app; it's best to register using computer

TD asked about lighting control, AD responded letting everyone know that we had control over the lights at the Community Park with the MUSCO control link and that we would have the same type so control over the new lights at youth field when they are installed.



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New business: ALL

SCA stated that it would be nice to see the actual work in the different parks and maybe tour the parks as a group. Discussion was held. September RPAC meeting will be a field trip touring the parks.

AD stated that kayaks have been purchased.

JW asked about the disc golf at Cates Farm Park, AD stated that it was not a harmonious pairing between the trails and the sports based on the compact nature of the land with the protected land. Once the easements got bigger, it really made it difficult to have both at the same time.

Food Vendor called and asked to set up in one of our parks – AD said no; do we need to set up a policy? Discussion followed. AD shared how the vendors were selected for July 4th. There is no ordinance that prevents food trucks from selling downtown.

July 4th event: AD

AD described the new signage for the event. Multiple signs will be placed around the park. AD will send copies of the signs to the committee for review

AD shared the list of games offered

The Entertainers is the band performing

Parking was discussed and JK mentioned using school busses to shuttle

AD stated the Bike Rodeo is Oct 2nd – we are looking for volunteers

AD shared that the Farmer's Market is facing several challenges. Pop-up merchants that are setting up downtown at the same time and there is no ordinance that says that can't ; we've asked them to join but they aren't willing. SCA mentioned that it closes too early. Discussion about location of market, why there was a change and why vendors are in 2 different locations.



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The meeting was adjourned at 7:21

Meeting summary by Sherri Seagroves, President RPAC

