

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022; 4:30 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

A. July 2022 Meeting Minutes

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

VI. Staff Reports

A. July 2022 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. August 18, 2022 4:30pm, City Hall Council Chambers

City of Davenport
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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

Date
7/21/2022

Subject:
July 2022 Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENTS:

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**Parks and Recreation Advisory
June 16, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

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

Staff Present: Chad Dyson, Betsy Tubbs, and Jessica Rhoads

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

May, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the 4.21.2022 meeting minutes presented by Greenlee, 2nd by Coiner. Motion Passes 8-0

Public with Comment:

- None

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Dog Park Discussion: Director Dyson recapped the public comment from the May 2022 meeting and after a brief discussion with the advisory board decided to create a committee to guide future changes at the Dog Off Leash Areas. Powell and Coiner volunteered to join the committee as PAB representatives.

Staff Report:

See Written Staff Report

Director Report:

- Staff is busy with accreditation renewal this week.
- Pools are open and operating on a hybrid model, alternating days that the pools are open due to a life guard shortage.
 - Fejervary was having mechanical issues and will reopen Saturday.
 - We continue to hire pool staff.
 - All the communities in our area and nationwide are struggling to hire and retain enough staff.
- Communication Surveys will be sent out tomorrow. The Parks department wants your feedback on the communication and information the board receives and welcome additional suggestions on how to improve our current methods.

Greenlee moved to adjourn the meeting Witemeyer 2nd. Motion passed 7-0, meeting adjourned at 5:23.

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Riverfront Improvement Commission up-date: Chris Meyer

Notable updates from Staff

Park Operations

- Vander Veer and Dillon fountains have created huge challenges for staff this year. Staff are working hard to get them operational, but with other maintenance issues occurring and the lack of staff, it has been a struggle.
- CIP updates: Riverfront recreational trail work is complete. There are a lot of happy recreation trail users after the project replaced various worn sections. Pre-bid meetings were held for both the Lindsey Park restroom and City Cemetery building projects. Preliminary designs for Whalen Park walking path were presented to staff; the plans will be tweaked a bit prior to bidding. Goose Creek restroom plans have proceeded thru E-plan review and will be ready to bid in a couple of weeks. All playground projects are in process at various steps – ordered, received, and/or awaiting installation and a few projects are pending delivery dates. These projects (which is just a sampling) in addition to our day-to-day work makes for a very busy staff.
- The division was dealt an unexpected blow when Don Allen, Parks Maintenance Manager, suffered a stroke and will be out of the office for an extended period of time. Hats off to Billy Fisher, Ryan Paustian, and other staff members who have stepped up to try and fill the very large gap Don's absence creates.
- Party in the Parks have begun and have been successful thus far.
- Showmobile reservations have been very popular this year which result in staff time for transporting, set up, and tear down.

Recreation

- The department has completed the reaccreditation process with CAPRA. The results of the review from the commission will be announced in September at NRPA Conference.
- Our large special events: Kids Zone at Red, White and Boom!, Fejervary Family Fun Days, Party in the Park, and YouthFest have been wonderful. Staff have received many positive comments from the community about how much fun they are having and enjoying what is being offered, and appreciative of the opportunities to play and do activities as a family.
- The pools are doing very well with many days meeting capacity. The aquatics team is incredible this year, they have been handling everything thrown at them in stride and are still going strong.

- Our Learn to Swim and Learn to Skate families have been sending in comments about how pleased they are regarding their children's summer progress and enjoyment of our program offerings.
- Davenport Junior Theatre has had quite the last month: The 70th Anniversary Celebration was a huge success. The Mainstage Production of *Imagine That!* for the general public held 6 performances over the anniversary weekend. On Saturday, June 24 the anniversary celebration included an alumni gathering, a Picnic Celebration with over 400 attendees, and an evening Anniversary Dinner with 200 attendees.
- Programs are back to pre-COVID numbers in performing arts programs with over 400 students enrolled in summer classes and full performing arts camps.
- Participation in the QC Corporate Games has increased significantly this summer with participating companies getting much more involved.
- All soccer and softball leagues will wrap up this month. New leagues begin at the start of August.

Revenue Facilities

- The River's Edge: Summer hockey and learn to skate underway.
- The River's Edge: Parking lot repair project meeting scheduled July 14; schedule will be determined at that time.
- The River's Edge: Boiler replacement project – boiler has been ordered; installation should be late July/early August
- Golf: Cosmic Golf has started most weekend evenings at Duck Creek Golf Course. Some cancellations due to rain and/or holidays.
- Golf: All courses finished the FY22 with increased revenues from FY21.
- Golf: Turf Technician candidate accepted and will come aboard around July 25.
- Golf: Preparing RFP and Bids for various replacements and upgrades including, but not limited to, new Range Ball Dispensers, remainder of Emeis sand bunkers, golf restroom renovations, Driving Mats at Duck Creek Range.

Top Staff Challenges

Park Operations

- Filling staff openings.

Recreation

- The Bags Tournament for Red, White and Boom! Did not get enough registrations to run but staff did have several bags boards set up at Quinlan Court and they were used all day.
- Many aquatic and camp staff are taking vacations or want to take vacations leaving gaps in staffing. Working with limited staff, pool managers and supervisors are covering those gaps.

Revenue Facilities

- Still recruiting a handful of staff to fill positions.

Communication Updates

- Community Events (July -August)
 - **Summer Bash** (Adaptive & Inclusive event) Thursday, 7/21 | 6-8PM | Splash Landing Bettendorf
 - **Party in the Park** Thursday, 7/21 | 5:30-7:30PM | Duck Creek Park
 - **Movie in the Park – Wizard of Oz** Friday, 8/5 | 6PM | Annie Wittenmyer Complex
 - **Party in the Park** Thursday, 8/11 | 5:30-7:30PM | Ridgeview Park
 - **Party in the Park** Thursday, 8/18 | 5:30-7:30PM | Emeis Park
 - **Fejervary Family Fun Day** Saturday, 8/20 | 12-3PM | Fejervary Learning Center
- Recreation Programs (July-August)
 - **Cosmic Golf** Fridays-Saturdays, 8PM-11PM (weather permitting) | Duck Creek Golf Course
 - **Learn to Swim Lessons** Various days, 6/13-7/29 | Annie Wittenmyer & Fejervary Aquatic Centers
 - **Summer Learn to Skate Lessons** Various days, 6/13-8/13 | The River's Edge
 - **My Little Wheelbarrow** Thursday, 8/4 | 10-10:30AM | Vander Veer Botanical Park
 - **My Little Wheelbarrow** Thursdays, 7/21 & 8/18 | 10-10:30AM | Fejervary Learning Center
 - **NEW! Bags League** Tuesdays, 8/9-9/27 | 6-9PM | Quinlan Court
- Notable Dates (July-August)
 - Fejervary Aquatic Center closes Saturday, 8/20
 - Annie Wittenmyer Aquatic Center closes for season Sunday, 8/21

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