

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2019; 12:00 PM

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 226 W 4TH STREET, 12:00P.M.

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

A.

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

VI. Staff Reports

A. Staff Report

B. Riverfront Improvement Commission Report

C. Park Operations

D. Recreation

E. Revenue Facilities

F. Director's Report

VII. Advisory Time

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Next Meeting Date and Location

City of Davenport
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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

Date
7/2/2019

Subject:

Recommendation:
June 2019 Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENTS:

Type	Description
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REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Parks & Recreation	Rhoads, Jessica	Approved	6/28/2019 - 1:28 PM



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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes June 4th, 2019 at Council Chambers

Present: Coiner, Peterson, Spratt, Trees, Thomas, and Woodard

Staff Present: Director Dyson, Betsy Tubbs, Troy Evans, Jessica Rhoads, JJ Condon

Public Present: **Friends of Vander Veer and Friends of Credit Island**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm

1) Roll Call: See above.

2) Approval of Minutes:
No- Minutes to approve

3) Public Comment: None

4) Old Business: None

5) New Business:

- a. Friends of Vander Veer-** Natasha from the Friends of Vander Veer gave a brief history on how the group was formed, the relationship between the city and the friends, as well as what the friend mission is and how that is implemented today with a \$25,00 donation. (To see the full video of the presentation and meeting, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHEHaW2JObc>)
- b. Friends of Credit Island-** Bob from the Friends of Credit Island gave history behind the Friends of Credit Island how they were formed, their relationship with the city and what they do to drive visitor to the island. (To see the full video of the presentation and meeting, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHEHaW2JObc>)

6) Staff Reports:

- a. Riverfront Improvement Commission Report- See Written Staff report**
- b. Park Operations: See written report**
- c. Recreation: See written report**
- d. Revenue Facilities: See written report**
- e. Director's Report:**
 - Update on Party in the Park as part of the City Council's community engagement program lead by Alderman Meginnis, the first event will be Thursday June 13th at Cork Hill from 5:30-7:30pm. This is the 1st of 7 events to be held this summer. A full list of events can be found at the City of Davenport's website.
 - **Flood update-** As of last Friday we vacated Rivers Edge again due to rising flood waters. The staff reports will address the issue we are having with water in general, between the rising flood water and the rain it has impacted all divisions within our department from our operations mowing schedule to programming to flash flooding at the golf course. Staff is working very hard to get caught up on work and doing an excellent job.



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7) Advisory Time:

Woodard: Can we get information on the Vander Veer Rose Garden project I heard about? Tubbs: The current pergola in the rose garden is shifting. We have 100,000 in a CIP with fund available on July 1st to revamp that. Staff will work with the Friends of Vander Veer to decide on a design. Chair Thomas: I received a note from Steve Ahrens that tomorrow there will be a joint meeting between the City Council and the railroad at 10:00am in the Police Departments Community Room. This is a public meeting.

8) Next Meeting Dates and Location:

Next Meeting-July 2nd, 2019 at 12pm @ City Hall, Council Chambers.

9) Adjournment

It was motioned by **Spratt** and 2nd by **Trees** that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was approved 6-0 and adjourned at 1:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Rhoads, Administrative Assistant

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Staff Report- Park Advisory Board July 2nd 2019

Riverfront Improvement Commission:

- Lindsay Park Yacht Club is dredging its harbor with the quality spoils being placed at the old City landfill / Veterans Memorial Park area, where this type of fill has been traditionally placed and is needed.
- Continued discussion regarding the Canadian Pacific railroad crossings occurred among the Commission as it received the most recent meeting report from the Joint Workgroup.
- Staff provided an update regarding:
 - Request for Proposals for A/E firm for Union Station exterior grounds
 - Channel Cat resuming operations
 - Marquette Landing boat docks re-installed with new ADA handrails and a kayak launch to be installed soon
 - The opening of Bud's Skyline Riverview and the anticipated opening next week of the Taste of Ethiopia
 - Summer Concert Series revised 2019 schedule

Notable updates from Staff

Park Operations

- Flood clean-up has started. Priority is the recreational trail and the Centennial/Veteran's Park/Active Recreation Corridor areas; Credit Island causeway is heavily damaged and the lodge has a lot of mud/silt in it. PW is working on a temporary solution for park access; the cleaning of the lodge will be contracted out. Mid-American is looking at the power loss situation and will come to the city with possible solutions/costs.
- LeClaire Park sod is a total loss, plans/specifications have been released with contract award occurring mid-July, we are shooting for work to begin end of July/early August, the various event organizers that this is affecting have been notified
- Mowing continues at full speed, grass has not slowed down yet
- Youth Corps team has started serving, this is a group of 6 Youth Corps members and 2 college age leaders. They take on beautification projects throughout our system. They will be with us thru mid-August
- Parkopoly at Vander Veer Park is VERY popular! Take some time to check it out!

Recreation

- We have all 39 of our Youth Corps start on June 7th. And 32 Summer AmeriCorps-losing our AmeriCorps Manager this was quite a feat, especially when not in our office-very happy for all the support. Our summer service member will serve over 15,000 hours of service for our community.
- Our summer camps soccer, performing arts, day camp, and summer stepping stones are all running and most have waiting lists.
- We filled out a grant to Havlife.org to try to get 100 kids p-asses to get to the communities At-Risk youth, next year we will do this in their spring request process and work with the district to get to those kids most needing the passes.

Revenue Facilities

- Opening mid-July 2019, Red Hawk's club house kitchen will be leased by a popular catering company.
- We have received feedback from patrons who are grateful for staff and all their hard work maintaining the course during this extremely wet spring. Staff is focused on drying out some low lying areas on the course to minimize damage to the turf.

Top Staff Challenges

Park Operations

- We have not been able to be fully staffed yet this summer. Finding and keeping quality seasonal employees is a challenge. The staff that we have is fantastic!

Recreation

- Rain affects are coming in. At the soccer complex we billed \$3,130.00 less than last year for spring soccer groups.
- The rain affected the start date of our very popular free track & field program we hold in partnership with Cornbelt running club. This is now starting Wed July 3rd.



Davenport Track & Field Club

FREE for kids ages 6-14

Davenport Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with
Cornbelt Running Club, is offering a FREE Junior Track and Field Club

The program is held on **Wednesday** evenings from 6:00-7:30 pm at Brady
Street Stadium, beginning July 3 and ending on July 17

This is a non-competitive program to introduce children to the sport of track
and field. Kids will be divided according to their age and perform activities
such as hurdles, long jump, relays, sprinting and running. Snacks are
provided each week and medals are awarded at the end of the program.

To register, call Parks and Recreation at 563-328-7275



Revenue Facilities

- We are organizing the upcoming FY20 golf course improvements funds, the goal is to be efficient and maximize these funds to have the greatest impact.
- Connecting with new golfers and generating interest in our golf facilities continues to be a project for staff.