

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021; 4:30 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Riverfront Improvement Commission Liaison

B. E-Bike and Devices, Board Recommendations

VI. Staff Reports

A. June 2021 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

City of Davenport
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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

Date
6/17/2021

Subject:
Riverfront Improvement Commission Liaison

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Finance	Rhoads, Jessica	Approved	6/16/2021 - 2:19 PM

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Subject:
E-Bike and Devices, Board Recommendations

ATTACHMENTS:

Type	Description
▣ Cover Memo	Memo from C.Dyson
▣ Backup Material	State and Federal E-B Information
▣ Backup Material	Sample Ord, E-Bike

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Parks & Recreation	Rhoads, Jessica	Approved	6/16/2021 - 2:33 PM

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6/15/2021

TO: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

FROM: Chad Dyson

RE: E-Bikes and Devices

The purpose of this discussion is to address usage of electric mobility devices, or “e-devices” within the park system in the best interest of the health, safety and accessibility of the public and park patrons, as well as safe and appropriate use of park land and trails in order to preserve these amenities.

Examples of e-devices include dockless electric scooters, electric bicycles, and other electric, rechargeable, and battery-operated mobility devices. Any gasoline and other fuel-powered vehicles are strictly excluded from the definition of e-devices.

Use of e-vehicles, specifically e-bicycles, is rapidly increasing within the parks and trail system, as well as throughout city streets and sidewalks. Usage has increased far faster than the City has been able to respond and create laws, rules, and regulations for safe e-vehicle operation. While the City and DPR seek to allow safe usage of e-devices, the size and speed of e-devices make them different from human-powered devices such as bicycles, skateboards, and scooters, and therefore create unique usage and safety issues.

The current Davenport Municipal Code addresses bicycles and motorized bicycles in 2 key areas:

10.84.110, Bicycles, Vehicles in bicycle lanes, paths, and parking areas unlawful

It is unlawful for any person to drive any type of motorized bicycle or vehicle in a designated bicycle path, lane, or parking area or park any motorized bicycle or vehicle in such a path, lane, or parking area. No person shall cross a bicycle lane except after giving the right-of-way to all bicycles within the lane.

12.72.050, Conduct in Parks, I. Bicycles

1. Confined to Roads. No person in a park shall ride a bicycle on other than a vehicular road or path designated for that purpose. A bicyclist shall be permitted to wheel or push a bicycle by hand over any grassy area or wooded trail or on any paved area reserved for pedestrian use.

MEMORANDUM

2. Operation. No person in a park shall ride a bicycle in any manner other than in accordance with Chapter 10.84.
3. Rider Prohibited. No person in a park shall ride any other person on a bicycle.
4. Designated Racks. No person in a park shall leave a bicycle in a place other than a bicycle rack when such is provided and there is a space available.
5. Immobile. No person in a park shall leave a bicycle lying on the ground or paving, or set against trees, or in any place or position where other persons may trip over or be injured by them.

Currently, Davenport Municipal code does not allow for the usage and operation of motorized vehicles in parks, which includes e-devices. Regardless, DPR find that e-devices can be safely operated within parks. With the feedback and recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, we will to create a set of uniform rules and regulations to allow for (1) the safe operation of e-devices within the parks and trail system; (2) to promote safe mutual use of the parks for other park patrons; (3) and to ensure protection of park amenities, assets, trails, landscaping and equipment.

Included, is an additional information and examples of e-bike definitions, regulation information and examples of other citys obedience and regulations regarding this topic.

How does Iowa define and classify electric bikes?

The state of Iowa defines an electric bike as any device that has a saddle and fully operational pedals and an electric motor of less than 750W. The maximum allowed speed on a flat, level surface when powered solely by the motor is 20mph. Electric bikes are classified as:

Class 1: eBikes equipped with a pedal-assist only motor which stops when the bike reaches 20 mph.

Class 2: Electric bikes equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and stop when the bike reaches the speed of 20 mph.

Class 3: Electric bicycles equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and stops when the rider stops pedaling or when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 mph.

At this time there is no regulation or State codes granting or restricting access to e-bikes.

What is the US Code on E-Bikes?

15 U.S. Code § 2085 - Low-speed electric bicycles

U.S. Code Notes

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(a) CONSTRUCTION

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, [low-speed electric bicycles](#) are consumer products within the meaning of [section 2052\(a\)\(1\)](#) of this title and shall be subject to the [Commission](#) regulations published at section 1500.18(a)(12) and [part 1512](#) of title 16, Code of Federal Regulations.

(b) DEFINITION

For the purpose of this section, the term "[low-speed electric bicycle](#)" means a two- or three-wheeled vehicle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of less than 750 watts (1 h.p.), whose maximum speed on a paved level surface, when powered solely by such a motor while ridden by an operator who weighs 170 pounds, is less than 20 mph.

(c) PROMULGATION OF REQUIREMENTS

To further protect the safety of consumers who ride [low-speed electric bicycles](#), the [Commission](#) may promulgate new or amended requirements applicable to such vehicles as necessary and appropriate.

(d) PREEMPTION

This section shall supersede any [State](#) law or requirement with respect to [low-speed electric bicycles](#) to the extent that such [State](#) law or requirement is more stringent than the Federal law or requirements referred to in subsection (a).

([Pub. L. 92-573, § 38](#), as added [Pub. L. 107-319, § 1](#), Dec. 4, 2002, [116 Stat. 2776](#).)

Ordinance No.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.24.050 TO ALLOW FOR E-BIKES ON CITY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRAIL SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has adopted provisions regulating park use in Chapter 12.24 of the Rapid City Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, RCMC 12.24.050 regulates use of the bicycle and pedestrian trail system within City parks and specifically prohibits any motorized vehicle from operating on the trail systems, except in limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the use of low-speed electric assist bikes, or e-bikes, is gaining popularity within Rapid City as well as throughout the state and country; and

WHEREAS, federal regulations adopted by the Consumer Product Safety Commission at the direction of the U.S. Congress define low-speed electric assist bikes as those bicycles which must be powered by a human using the pedals but which also have an electric motor of less than 750 watts (1 horsepower) that assists the bike operator; and

WHEREAS, regulations adopted by the Consumer Product Safety Commission limit the size of the motor, which in turn limits the possible top speed of these electric assist bikes; and

WHEREAS, citizens have asked the Parks and Recreation Department to consider an amendment to the ordinance to allow these electric assist bikes within the City's parks; and

WHEREAS, Parks and Recreation staff agree that the use of low speed electric assist bikes as defined in federal regulations will have very little additional impact upon the City's trail system beyond what is already occurring and will also encourage and support bicycle use by individuals of a variety of skill and ability levels; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City wishes to amend R.C.M.C. 12.24.050 to allow for the use of electric assist bike on the City's pedestrian trails and bicycle trails to support the health, safety, and general welfare of the City and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City that R.C.M.C. 12.24.050 is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

12.24.050 Bicycle and pedestrian trail system—Operation of motorized vehicles prohibited—Exceptions.

A. Except as provided in Section B, nNo person shall operate any automobile, motorcycle, golf cart or other motorized vehicle upon the primary and secondary bicycle and pedestrian trail system within City parks;.

B. ~~Motorized vehicles may be operated in the following circumstances: provided, however, that,~~

~~1. the Department may authorize~~The operation of golf carts on the system in the immediate area(s) of the Meadowbrook Golf Course and Executive Golf Course ~~and;~~

~~2. may authorize~~ The operation of motorized vehicles by handicapped persons ~~of the vehicles and in a manner as he or she shall determine~~so long as such operation is not inconsistent with the purpose of the trail system.;

~~3. This section shall not apply to t~~The operation of eCity maintenance vehicles, ~~nor to~~ motorized law enforcement vehicles, or authorized vendors who are otherwise permitted under ~~§Section 12.24.080;~~ nor to individuals operating with the permission of the Department.

~~4. The operation of low-speed electric assist bikes as defined in 15 U.S.C. Section 2085 as adopted and amended so long as such operation is not inconsistent with the purpose of the trail system; and~~

~~5. Individuals operating with the permission of the Department.~~

(Ord. 5793 (part), 2012; Ord. 6113 (part), 2017)

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

ATTEST

Finance Officer

(seal)

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▣ Executive Summary	June 2021 Staff Report
▣ Backup Material	Party in the Park Flyer
▣ Backup Material	Free Family Fun

REVIEWERS:

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Parks & Recreation	Rhoads, Jessica	Approved	6/16/2021 - 2:18 PM

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
June 17th, 2021
Staff Report

River Front Improvement Commission up-date: Steve Ahrens

Notable updates from Staff

Park Operations

- We are mowing and mowing and mowing!! It is very difficult to keep up with the grass at the pace it is growing!
- Maintenance staff is working on projects like getting pools and sprayparks operational, making sure irrigation systems are running, and fixing miscellaneous building issues.
- Credit Island causeway repairs are set to begin the week of June 24. Yay!!
- Sunderbruch bridge replacement pre-construction meeting took place on June 15. Work will begin as soon as possible.
- Sunderbruch trail repair specification are going to City Council this week, project will be out for bidding within the next month.
- Emeis Park ADA sidewalk project has been assigned to an Engineer. We are pushing for that work to be complete this fall.
- Tyler park playground will be delivered the last week of June with installation scheduled for the first week of July.
- Friends of Vander Veer and staff have been meeting about the Stone bridge project. Tim Stephens will be attending the PAB meeting to answer questions.
- Staff is doing a great job. It is hard, physical work, it's hot and the pay isn't great. We appreciate our staff and the commitment they have to making the parks the best they can be!

Recreation

- Pools opened last weekend! Due to staffing shortages we will operate both Anni Witt and Fejervary Aquatics Centers on a hybrid model, as we continue to hire and train. Dohse Pool will not open this season. Pool hybrid schedule is available on our website.
- Corporate games kicked off and has had great participation. For event detail and dates click the links. Event Specifics <https://qccorporategames.org/Events>
- We started tee ball and coach pitch softball and doubled the amount of teams from 2020.
- Junior Theatre teamed up with Bettendorf Parks and Recreation for 3 days of camp visits. They had 250 kids take part.

- Lighting Replacement Project – Junior Theatre Inc has already raised their \$26,000. They actually now plan to buy \$30,000 of new lighting equipment. Pre-Bid meeting has gone out for all the lighting infrastructure repair.
- Junior Theatre's outdoor festival and Robin Hood production opened last weekend 6/11-6/14! Huge success even with over 500 attended the fun the first weekend. This is a free event open to the public and will take place again June 18-20 Fri & Sat 6:30pm Sun 2:00pm.
- Camps open Monday 6/21/21, we are looking for additional staff so that we can add a second site to serve more families, at Roosevelt Community Center.
- We are onboarding 19 Youth Corps this week, and 8 adult AmeriCorps for service this summer.
- Special Olympics is up and running, they held modified area games at North Scott last week and the athletes did amazing.
- We have started a Home School Learn to Skate program on Mondays to accommodate the needs of families and overall demand.

Coming Up: (See attached flyers for information on additional summer activities)

June 19 - Fejervary Family Fun Day at Fejervary Learning Center 12-5 pm

June 20 - Father's Day Fiesta at Annie Wittenmyer Family Aquatics Center - Dad's Swim Free 1-7 pm

June 30 - My Little Wheelbarrow at Vander Veer Park 10:30 am

July 3 - Red, White and Boom Park's Kids Zone at LeClaire Park 6 -9 pm

July 4 - 4th of July Celebration at Annie Wittenmyer Family Aquatic Center 1-7 pm

July 6 - Coffee and Cuttings at Vander Veer 10 and 10:15 am

July 7 - My Little Wheelbarrow at Vander Veer Park 10:30 am

July 8 - Party in the Park at Lafayette Park 5:30-7:30 pm

July 14 - YouthFest at Fejervary Park 9am - 2 pm

Revenue Facilities

- Emise bunker renovations are now on phase 2 start, tee box renovations are complete and will be opening July 4th for play.
- Red Hawk staff have started renovating practice bunker.
- Duck Creek t-box renovations started last fall and are almost done. #3 green almost ready for play.
- Rivers Edge:
 - Restroom sink/counter replacement scheduled to start 6-18-21 (Completion planned for 6-25)
 - Figure Skating Competition 6-11/6-12 went extremely well (First Competition in 2 years, Flood 2019 and COVID 2020 cancelled last two)

Top Staff Challenges

Park Operations

- We continue to look for seasonal staff. We are currently four (4) employees short on our maintenance crew, two (2) employees short on our custodial crew, one (1) employee short on our horticulture crew and two (2) employees short on our mowing crew.

Recreation

- Busy, busy, busy.
- Recruiting and hiring continues to be a challenge with backgrounds taking long to get back, and HR hiring process is new and we are working with them to refine the process.
- We continue to need staff for almost all of our programs and camp sites. Staff turnover early in the season is only adding to this issue.
- The install of new cameras and phones throughout the junior theatre campus facility was supposed to be complete in April. It is happening this week, right before classes and camps start. This has been a real challenge.
- We continue to schedule and install new security cameras at, Roosevelt, pools, and the Rivers Edge.

Revenue Facilities

- Heat and lack of rain is a challenge for staff at all 3 course.
- DC irrigation repairs are underway.
- We are understaff at all 3 golf courses, causing effecnticty issues, but customer and being served and projects are getting completed, just a little slower than we would like.
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CITY OF DAVENPORT

PARTY

IN THE PARK

You're Invited!

This summer Davenport will host seven "Party in the Park" evenings from July 8th through September 23rd. Events will be Thursdays from 5:30 – 7:30PM.

There will be food, entertainment, and fun for the kids, an opportunity for neighbors to meet neighbors, visitors to learn about the neighborhoods surrounding the parks, and everyone to talk face-to-face with city staff and council about issues and opportunities across Davenport.

PARTY
IN THE PARK
5:30 – 7:30PM

Lafayette Park	July 8
Garfield Park	July 22
Glen Armil Park	July 29
Van Buren Park	August 12
Northwest Park	August 19
Goose Creek Park	September 16
Junge Park	September 23

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DAVENPORT PARKS & RECREATION

Davenport Junior Theatre

The True Tale of Robin Hood

Fri/Sat: 6/11, 6/12, 6/18 or 6/19 | 6:30 p.m.

Sun: 6/13 or 6/20 | 2 p.m.

Fejervary Learning Center

Family Fun Days

Sat, 6/19 & 8/21 | 12-5 p.m.

Youth Fest 2021

Wed, 7/14 | 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Vander Veer Botanical Park

My Little Wheelbarrow

Wed, 6/16, 6/30, 7/7, 7/21 | 10:30-11 a.m.

Pollinator Week

Tues-Sun, 7/20 - 7/25 | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

DAVENPORT LIBRARIES

Vander Veer Botanical Park

Yoga & Stories in the Park

Thur, 6/10-7/29 | 10-11 a.m.

Library in the Park

Mon-Thur, 7/6 - 8/13 | 10 a.m.-12 p.m. & 2-4 p.m.

Visit www.davenportlibrary.com for locations.

Prairie Heights, Lindsay Park & Fejervary

Learning Center: Reader's Walk

Daily | Self-Guided Walk

RIVERFRONT

Red, White & Boom! Sat, 7/3

Movie on the Mississippi Fri, 8/6

Le Claire Park

Bix Jazz Fest Sun, 7/11 | 6 p.m.

Music on the River Series Sun, 6/6-6/27,

7/18, 8/15, 8/29 & Wed, 8/25 | 7 p.m.

Quinlan Court

Mercado en el Rio

Sat, 6/12, 7/10, 8/14 | 5-9 p.m.

QC Empowerment Open Air Market

Sun, 6/27, 7/25, 8/29 | 4-7 p.m.

Visit:

www.davenportiowa.com/freefamilyfun



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