PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022; 4:30 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

   A. May 2022 Meeting Minutes- Action

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

   A. Dog Park Discussion

VI. Staff Reports

   A. June 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. Next Meeting: July 21, 2022 4:30p.mp City Hall Council Chambers

City of Davenport
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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

Date
6/16/2022

Subject:
May 2022 Meeting Minutes- Action

ATTACHMENTS:

	Type	Description
🗋	Cover Memo	May 2022 Meeting Minutes

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Parks & Recreation	Rhoads, Jessica	Approved	6/13/2022 - 11:16 AM

Parks and Recreation Advisory
May 19, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Coiner, Hu, Kefauver, Meyer, Peterson, Powell, Spratt, and Wittemeyer
Staff Present: Chad Dyson, Theresa Hauman, Betsy Tubbs, Becca Niles and Jessica Rhoads
Location: Council Chambers, City Hall 226 W 4th Street

April 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the 4.21.2022 meeting minutes presented by Coiner, 2nd by Kefauver. Motion Passes 7-0

Public with Comment:

- Marquette Dog Off Leash Comments by users and residents:
  - Add this area to the Riverfront Beautification Project
  - Area is looks rough
  - Fencing on the backside got hit and needs repaired more than zip ties
  - Front inside gate was loose, residents fixed it after 2 weeks
  - Water fountain are clogged
  - Dog waste not being picked up, giardia issues in dogs
  - Snow removal is terrible, users have fallen because of snow not being removed of sidewalks
  - Watering system needed to regrow grass
  - Include this area in the park planning being done
  - Need a small dog area
  - Need more dog waste bags, not always filled
  - Need more waste stations
  - Dead trees need to be replaced
  - Too many picnic tables and benches
  - Need rule signs and pick up waste signs
  - Gravel at entrance is a mess
  - Need more shade for people
  - Need another dog park, too many users in one location
  - Request for dog spray features or cooling station for the dogs
  - Need to add an attraction to the location as a wow factor

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Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Staff Report:
See Written Staff Report

Kefauver moved to adjourn the meeting, Spratt 2nd. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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June 2022 Staff Report

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Park and Recreation Advisory Board
June 16, 2022
Staff Report

Notable updates from Staff

Park Operations

- Staff shortages have slowed our maintenance work. Pools are up and running, but fountains are not. Vander Veer and Dillon fountain both have leaks. Staff is working hard, but is struggling with the mechanical challenges.
- Mowing routes are working well. Staff are in the part of the season where the grass grows faster than we can mow it, and it doesn't look as neat as we want it to.
- Work on various CIP projects is progressing. The Lindsey park restroom and the City Cemetery building are ready to be bid. Staff have finally found a contractor willing to help with the Conservatory roof. The Riverfront rec trail work is nearing completion. Eastern Avenue disc golf baskets will be installed next week. And Veteran's Memorial park construction has begun.

Recreation

- Annie Wittenmyer and Fejervary Family Aquatics Centers, as well as the Centennial Spray Park are now open for the Summer 2022 Season! Special "thank you" and shout out goes to Parks Operations crews for getting the aquatics facilities operational, pool staff for the clean-up and set-up days, and pools management team for their late nights putting the finishing touches and shine on everything.
- Challenging youth soccer season with the goal situation and the rainouts, but all the coaches and families were very receptive to the reschedules during the week and on Memorial Day Saturday.
- Corporate Games kicked off last week and have had a great start thus far.
- Recreation hosted two Senior Olympic Events Bocce and Golf, both had fantastic weather and the participants enjoyed themselves thoroughly.
- Both Adventure Camp locations: Garfield Park/Collins House and Roosevelt Community Center/Harbor Road Park are fully staffed and at capacity.
- Stepping Stones (the partnership between the city and the school district) is running 17 school sites this summer serving over 650 kids. The most in-need youth are being mentored by AmeriCorps Members from St Ambrose.
- Staff on-boarded 25 summer AmeriCorps positions helping the above and all our family, sports, special events, and communication efforts. We also started 12 Youth Corps on June 13.
- The recruitment process for a new AmeriCorps Analyst has opened and there will be a first round of interviews at the end of the month.

Revenue Facilities

- The River's Edge
    - Figure Skating Competition successfully ran June 9-10.
    - A couple new hires are allowing the concessions stand to be open regularly.
    - The hot water boiler has completely failed, replacement is scheduled ASAP.
- Golf Courses
    - Golf has 4 certified candidates for the Turf Technician position. Golf will be making offer to top candidate in coming days.
    - Emeis hosted another successful QC Amateur on May 27-28.
    - Kicked off Cosmic Golf Range on June 3. However, June 4 was rained out, but continuing Friday and Saturday evenings from dusk to approximately 11 p.m.
    - Cool and frequent rains have helped the crews keep golf courses in great condition this early summer.

Top Staff Challenges

Park Operations

- Filling staff openings.

Recreation

- The Learn to Skate Coordinator is still out. This is making things a bit more difficult, particularly with the new session starting soon. Staff are making their way through things slowly and determining the best ways to navigate through this uncertain time.
- There have been some difficulties at the pools, but staff are finding new and old ways of handling the situations. Thankfully they have a great response system in place, so staff know how to handle these types of situations quickly and feel supported by department administration.
- Hoping to continue to build aquatic staff to open both aquatic centers fully, but the hybrid model is working to meet community needs.

Revenue Facilities

- Staffing challenges continue at all facilities. With many waiting for summer to start, and some hires not completing the processes, hiring is taking up the majority of time this 2022 season.
- Emeis is going to RFP for the rest of the bunker renovations in July. Project will tentatively begin Fall 2022 and complete spring 2023.
- Mower parts and replacement equipment are on undetermined timelines taking months and at least weeks for deliveries. For example the Ventrac Multi-use Turf Tractor golf is being ordered July 2022, but is not expected to be available until next season.

Communication Updates

- **CAPRA Accreditation Visit** Monday-Thursday, 6/13-616
- Community Events (June -July)
    - **Fejervary Family Fun Day – Kick Off to Summer** Saturday, 6/18 | 12-3PM | Fejervary Learning Center
    - **Father's Day Fiesta** Sunday, 6/19 | 12-3PM | TBD
    - **Mainstage Production: Imagine That!** Friday-Sunday, 6/24-6/26 | Davenport Junior Theatre
        - Friday, 6:30PM | Saturday, 10AM | Sunday, 2PM or 4PM
    - **Party in the Park** Thursday, 6/16 | 5:30-7:30PM | Jersey Farms Park
    - **Party in the Park** Thursday, 6/30 | 5:30-7:30PM | Van Buren Park
    - **Red, White & Boom** Sunday, 7/3 | 6-11PM | Along Riverfront
    - **Red, White & Boom Bags Tournament** Sunday, 7/3 | All Day | Quinlan Court
    - **YouthFest** Wednesday, 7/13 | 8:30AM-2PM | Fejervary Learning Center
- Recreation Programs (June-July)
    - **Fejervary Learning Center Opens** Memorial Day-Labor Day, 5/30-9-8 | Tuesdays-Fridays, 10AM-6PM | Saturdays-Sundays, 12-5PM
    - **Summer Camps Begin** Various dates and times, 6/8-8/12 | Davenport Junior Theatre, Roosevelt Community Center & Garfield Park
    - **Learn to Swim Lessons** Various days, 6/13-7/29 | Annie Wittenmyer & Fejervary Aquatic Complexes
    - **Summer Learn to Skate Lessons** Various days, 6/13-8/13 | The River's Edge
    - **My Little Wheelbarrow** Thursday, 6/16 | 10-10:30AM | Fejervary Learning Center
    - **Bags Tournament for Red White & Boom** Registration deadline 6/19
    - **NEW! Bags League** registration opens 6/1
    - **Summer Learn to Skate** registration closes 6/10
    - **Summer Learn to Swim** registration closes the Thursday at 11:59pm prior to the start of each session – pay attention to the session dates.
    - **Summer Theatre & Dance** class registrations close 6/20-6/23.

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