

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023; 4:30 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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A. May 2023 Meeting Minutes

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A. June 2023 Staff Report

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C. Park Operations

D. Recreation

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F. Director's Report

VII. Advisory Time / Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Next Meeting Date and Location

A. July 20, 2023 at 4:30pm City Hall Council Chambers

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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

Date
6/15/2023

Subject:
May 2023 Meeting Minutes

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Staff Report

Notable updates from Staff

Park Operations

- ARPA projects are continuing to progress:
 - Whalen Park playground - installation completed week of 6/5.
 - Cork Hill, Herington and Van Buren Parks' multi-sport courts – bids were received; unfortunately, the bids came in over the projected amount. Staff will re-bid in the Fall hoping to get more favorably bids.
 - Emeis Park obstacle course playground – installation completed the week of 6/5. Emeis inclusive playground is in design phase.
 - Cork Hill splash pad has been ordered; the design is in the city's e-plan review.
 - Dohse splash and play area design work is complete, bid documents are being prepared.
- Other CIP project updates include:
 - Dillon fountain electrical upgrades work was awarded. Work will begin as soon as supplies are available.
 - Whalen Park walking path – bids came in significantly higher than expected. The project is on hold.
 - Credit Island Park nature playground – ready to bid.
 - LeClaire House roof replacement – on hold due to funding.
 - Fejervary Cougar House roof replacement - complete.
 - Annie Wittenmyer roof project has been awarded, anticipate fall installation.
 - Vander Veer Stone bridge – staff is moving ahead with irrigation and electrical needs. Friends of Vander Veer will continue to work on the sidewalk portion of the project.
 - City Cemetery building – complete.
 - Skate Park repairs – staff have entered into an agreement with Spohn Ranch, a well-known skate park design and construction company. A topographic survey will take place next week with community input beginning July.
 - We-Go Swing installation has been awarded and the contractor is working with the surfacing company to outline timeline for installation. Hoping for a late June/early July install.

- Davenport Junior Theatre porch repairs and tuck pointing – staff completed the porch repairs in-house; tuck pointing is on hold.
- Ground Maintenance equipment program – FY23 purchases are complete. Looking forward to purchasing a new 12-foot Z turn in FY24 (this could be the new way staff mow!)
- Prairie Heights ADA play panel – installation will take place the week of June 22.
- Community Bike racks – staff has begun installing the bike racks. A social media post will occur once all have been installed.
- Park Ops have a critical need for Park Ambassadors/Park patrol. Currently, that position is vacant.
- Clean up on Credit Island began around June 8. The park is now open to the public as of June 13. The lodge will be closed for longer due to the nature of the needed cleaning there.

Recreation

- Both aquatic centers are open and on an alternating public/lap swim schedule. Staff have hired just over 50 lifeguards so far.
- The Learn to Swim classes are all full with waitlists and the Adult Water Aerobics and Water Fitness classes are filling quite well too.
- The first *Fejervary Family Fun Day* in May coincided with being National Kids to Parks Day. Families were so happy having the petting zoo and bounce houses and other activities within the Fejervary Learning Center.
- The transition from employed to contracted sports officials is complete for all adult sports with soccer and softball leagues up and running.
- Quad Cities Corporate Games kicked off with 33 companies participating this year; up from 24 last year. With this increase, the program grew from 2 divisions to 3.
- T-ball/Coach Pitch began with 20 more participants than last year.
- AdventureCamp kicked off June 5 at the new Annie Wittenmyer Gym site. Every week this summer there will be over 50 kids attending the weekly camp.
- The “new” weight machines have been inspected and moved to Roosevelt Community Center. The gym will be open by the end of June once staff are able to install a few new parts in the machines.
- Special Olympics Unified Bowling began June 16 and the teams filled Leisure Lanes! The program runs through July 7.
- Staff hosted the Senior Olympics Bocce and Golf Tournaments at Red Hawk Golf Course and received a lot of great comments about the condition of the courts and the golf course.

- Becca Eastman onboarded 30 new AmeriCorps Members for the summer, serving at sites around Davenport including camp, youth sports, golf courses, summer Stepping Stones, and other community programs.
- Davenport Junior Theatre-Dance held the recital in May. Participant were surveys and 97% said they would “definitely recommend” the program, 3% said “maybe recommend”, and 0% said no.
- The summer Junior Theatre season begin and due to demand, expanded the camp size for Performing Arts Camps from 72 to 96, and went from 255 enrollments to 396.

Revenue Facilities

- The mostly tempered weather in June meant all three golf courses have been busy.
- The Emeis Bunker renovation is complete with a total of 43 bunkers replaced.
- Emeis Golf Course hosted a successful Quad City Amateur Tournament over Memorial Day weekend with 85 golfers participating. A large sterling silver cup on a walnut base was donated to serve as the Perpetual Quad City Amateur Tournament Cup and will be on display at the Emeis Clubhouse. Every winner of this tournament from 1956 to the present has their name engraved and proudly displayed on the cup base.
- Cosmic Golf is now set up and ready to go at Duck Creek Golf Course. It will run every weekend, Friday and Saturday evenings, for the summer.
- The River’s Edge hosted the annual figure-skating competition over the weekend of June 9-11. The competition had 50 skaters compete from the Midwest and ages ranged from 5-17.

Communication Updates

- Community Events (June - July)
 - **Party in the Park** Thursday, 6/15 | 5:30-7:30PM | Lafayette Park
 - **Fejervary Family Fun Day – Kick Off to Summer** Saturday, 6/17 | 12-3PM | Fejervary Learning Center
 - **Father's Day Fiesta** Sunday, 6/18 | 1-7PM | Annie Witt Aquatic Center
 - **Party in the Park** Thursday, 6/22 | 5:30-7:30PM | Marquette Park
 - **Movies in the Park – 'The Lorax'** Friday, 6/23 | 6PM | LeClaire Park
 - **Red, White & Boom** Monday, 7/3 | 5-10PM | Riverfront Parks
 - **4th of July Celebration** Tuesday, 7/4 | 1-7PM | Annie Witt Aquatic Center
 - **Youth Fest** Wednesday, 7/13 | 8:30AM-1PM | Fejervary Learning Center and Park
 - **Summer Bash** Thursday, 7/20 | 6-8:30PM | Leisure Lanes Bowling Alley
 - **Movies in the Park – 'Sing 2'** Friday, 7/21 | 6PM | LeClaire Park
- Recreation Programs (June - July)
 - **Scrapbooking** 1st Saturdays, 6/3-8/5 | 8:30AM-5:30PM | Roosevelt Community Center
 - **Walk in a Park** Mondays & Wednesdays, 6/5-7/29 | 7-8AM | Vander Veer Botanical Park
 - **Summer Swim Lessons** 6/2-8/17 | Dates & Times vary | Annie Wittenmyer and Fejervary Aquatics Centers
 - **Summer Junior Theatre Classes** 6/2-8/20 | Dates & Times vary | Davenport Junior Theatre
 - **Scott County Special Olympics: Slow-Pitch Softball** Saturdays, 6/3-7/29 | 9:30-11:30AM | Lindsay Park
 - **Summer Camps Begin** 6/5-8/11 | Dates & Times vary | Annie Wittenmyer Complex and Davenport Junior Theatre
 - **Can Play Courage League: Courage Cubs & Tigers** Mondays, 6/5-6/26 | Times vary | Roosevelt Community Center
 - **Youth Softball** Mondays or Tuesdays, 6/6-7/17 | 8-8PM | Junge Park
 - **Gardening for Pollinators** Thursday, 6/22 | 10-11AM | Fejervary Learning Center
 - **Junior Track and Field Club** Mondays, 6/12-7/10 | 6-7:30PM | Brady Street Stadium
 - **Summer Ice Skating Lessons** 6/12-8/19 | Dates & Times vary | The River's Edge
 - **Tae Kwon Do** Tuesdays, 6/13-8/22 | 6-7PM | Roosevelt Community Center
 - **Self Defense** Tuesdays, 6/13-8/22 | 6-7PM | Roosevelt Community Center
 - **Up Cycle That! Workshop: Coffee Can Bird Feeder** Tuesday, 6/13 | 11AM-12PM | Vander Veer Conservatory

- **Unified Sports: Unified Bowling** Fridays, 6/16-7/21 | 6-8:30PM | Leisure Lanes Bowling Alley
- **Up Close & Plantable** 4th Friday, 6/23-9/22 | 2-4PM | Sunderbruch Park
- **My Little Wheelbarrow** Thursdays, 7/6 & 7/20 | 10-10:30AM | Vander Veer Botanical Park & Fejervary Learning Center
- **Up Cycle That! Workshop: Bag Bracelet-Cap Necklace** Tuesday, 7/11 | 9-10 AM | Vander Veer Conservatory
- **Creative Natives** Saturdays, 7/15 OR 7/29 | 2-3PM | Vander Veer Conservatory
- Notable Dates (May - June)
 - **Vander Veer Summer Theme 'Finding Nature's Voice'** Everyday, 6/1-9/4 | Park Hours | Vander Veer Botanical Park
 - **Adult Soccer League Summer Registration Period** 6/1-6/30
 - **Adult Softball League Fall Registration Period** 6/1-7/15
 - **Adult Bags League Registration Period** 6/1-7/31
 - **Fall Youth Soccer Registration Closes** 7/31

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