

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2019; 12:00 PM

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

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Friends Of Vander Veer- Presentation

VI. Staff Reports

A. Staff Report 6/4/19

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 Advisory Board
Contact Info: Chad Dyson 563-326-7817

Date
6/4/2019

Subject:
Friends Of Vander Veer- Presentation

City of Davenport
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Department: Davenport Park & Recreation
Contact Info: Jessica Rhoads

Date
6/4/2019

Subject:
Staff Report 6/4/19

ATTACHMENTS:

Type	Description
▯ Cover Memo	Staff Report

REVIEWERS:

Department	Reviewer	Action	Date
Parks & Recreation	Rhoads, Jessica	Approved	5/31/2019 - 11:35 AM



DAVENPORT PARKS AND RECREATION

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Staff Report- Park Advisory Board June 4th, 2019

River Front Improvement Commission Update

Report from our May 28 meeting:

- The Commission considered and approved prorated rent forgiveness for flood-impacted tenants. Discussions regarding Union Station impact and restoration and the riverfront railroad line also were held.
- Lindsay Park Boat Club briefed the Commission regarding the urgent need for dredging of its harbor.
- A lease renewal agreement at Union Station was discussed and approved.

Notable updates from Staff

Park Operations

- FLOOD – Credit Island causeway has been under water since March 16; power poles have fallen over along causeway so we will have to wait for MidAmerican to restore power; Fire department boats staff in once a week to check on building; at crest of 22.7 ft, water was over the outlet level; last check on Memorial day at 17.7 ft, there was 3-4 inches of slit/sludge on floor; we are concerned about the condition of the causeway; no structural damage to the lodge to note yet.
- FLOOD – LeClaire Park – after record crest and water receded somewhat, we irrigated and approximately ½ the grass was recovering; with this new crest(s), that grass is under water again and we're guessing it will not recover; city is planning to contract out the repair of the turf
- United Day of Caring – was a success at Vander Veer Park and Fejervary Learning Center; thank you to PAB members that joined us
- Parkopoly has begun at Vander Veer Park, free summer theme that can be played over and over!
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Recreation

- Our department received the National Recreation and Parks Grant for \$30,000.00 to increase access for At-Risk youth to healthy foods, by having more access to Farmer's Markets and nutrition programming.
- We are holding a new event fun event to highlight the opening of the pools: Dash and Splash Sat June 8th, a triathlon for kids ages 5-12, ending with a plunge in Annie Witt Pool. We have received sponsorships from Costco, Portillo's and Culvers.

Revenue Facilities

- Golf and Rivers Edge have both been dramatically challenged by the recent weather.
- Rivers Edge has been closed and evacuated by staff multiple times to avoid the highest river crests.
- Golf has been fighting through the wetness with several daily closings, Duck Creek flash flooding, and extremely wet unplayable conditions.
- Emeis hosted the QC Amateur over memorial weekend, with some 'no cart' flights, depending on when they played.

Top Staff Challenges

Park Operations

- RAIN – mowing is a challenge to say the least. I can't speak highly enough about our staff's perseverance through this difficult weather!
- FLOOD clean up – will be extensive and time consuming; volunteer groups are being looked for to assist

Recreation

- Rain, rain, rain. The youth sports season have lost play of over half their games. We are going to have to issue prorated credits now for those last games cancelled as there isn't room on schedules to reschedule games.
- Shelby Newberry, the AmeriCorps Manager quit last week with one week notice. This is a very challenging time, we have 40 Youth Corps and 20 summer AmeriCorps trying to get on boarded and we have been moved out of our offices twice. We have scheduled trainings at Lincoln Opportunity center so we can count on being there.

Revenue Facilities

- We have unprecedented rain and wetness – Duck Creek and Red Hawk became unplayable the last week of May. Staff are chugging away at the highest driest spots until things improve.