

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023; 4:30 PM

CITY HALL | 226 WEST 4TH STREET | COUNCIL CHAMBERS

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

A. April 2023 Meeting Minutes

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

A. Dohse Splashpad- Presentation

VI. Staff Reports

A. 5.18.2023 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. June 15, 2023 at 4:30 pm, City Hall Council Chambers

City of Davenport  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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

**Date**  
**5/18/2023**

Subject:  
April 2023 Meeting Minutes

ATTACHMENTS:

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**Parks and Recreation Advisory  
April 20, 2023  
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Coiner, Greenlee, Hu, Kefauver, Meyer, Peterson, Powell, Schertz, Spratt, and Witemeyer

Staff Present: Chad Dyson, Betsy Tubbs, Becca Niles and Troy Evans

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall 226 W 4<sup>th</sup> Street

March 2023 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the March 2023 meeting minutes presented by Greenlee, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Spratt. Motion Passes 9-0

Public with Comment:

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Old Business:

- **None**

New Business:

- Davenport Recreation Division Presentation
  - Full Video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9LgW0UiwQo>
  - Staff speakers included: T. Hauman, B. Eastman, S. Fischer, D. Sheridan, C. McLeod, and T. Schneider

Staff Report:

- RIC Update:
  - No Thursday concerts at Q-Court
  - Dredging at Lindsay is going well
  - RIC coordinator is in hiring process
- See Written Staff Report
- Directors Report
  - Thank you to everyone who attended the joint meeting with Council on Tuesday.
  - We are in flood prep, Credit Island causeway closed today. Latest update is this flood will be significant
  - River's Edge may close due to the flooding, displaced staff will be relocated.
  - You all have a copy of the Dohes splash plans renderings, with the hopes the consultants will join us at the May meeting.

Adjournment:

- 5:39pm Motion to adjourn by Coiner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greenlee. Motion Passes 9-0

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# **Park and Recreation Advisory Board**

**May 18, 2023**

## **Staff Report**

### **Notable updates from Staff**

#### **Park Operations**

- Staff continues to work on getting all the water turned on in parks.
- RAGBRAI planning continues. All Parks Operations staff will be working on July 29 to provide coverage for the dip site as well as our normal weekend duties.
- Staff's goal is that Whalen playground will be installed by the end of May.
- Work continues on the Emeis Obstacle course playground. Staff prepped the site and we contracted the installation.
- Flood clean up continues. Staff will assess damage at Credit Island as soon as water recedes from the causeway.
- Ryan Paustian accepted our Parks Supervisor position. Everyone is excited to have him officially as part of our leadership team. Ryan has been filling in since Don's absence and has been doing a great job. Ryan's previous position, Park Technician, will be opening as soon as possible.
- Many thanks to Parks Manager, Billy Fisher, and Parks part-time employee, John Claeys, for their tireless work to get the Vander Veer fountain operational this season. It is not perfect, but is operational and they will continue troubleshooting all season to keep it operational for the summer.
  - Staff anticipate submitting a request via CIP to get it back to fully operating status.
- Grass and dandelions are growing like crazy; staff is working hard to keep up.

#### **Recreation**

- Staff purchased new software to help support the department's accreditation process. Approximately 714 documents from the 2022 reaccreditation were uploaded into the new system. This will make the

process much easier for maintaining, reviewing, and updating policies and procedures.

- The results of a post-IPRA conference survey were sent to staff. Overall assessment from the 71 delegates who completed the survey are below.
  - 78.8% rated the experience as above average to knocked it out of the park
  - 18.31% rated the experience as average
  - Specific shout outs were made to Becca Niles & Brittany Peacock "The Library Partnership session was by far the strongest speaking group I attended."
  - Another shout out was made regarding Daniel Sheridan "Great MC. Really enjoyed his talk about the Junior Theatre Program."
- The spring flooding created challenges for two May events, *Get Out and Trail (GOAT)* had to be rescheduled to 9/23 and *Movie in the Park* was relocated from LeClaire Park to Eastern Avenue Library and Prairie Heights Park.
- In April, Junior Theatre held their spring session showcases for 270 kids.
- The recreation and admin teams relocated for 2.5 weeks to Junior Theatre Complex, Red Hawk Golf Course, and 29<sup>th</sup> Street Building. Thanks to all who assisted with the relocating; each time it seems to go more smoothly.
- AmeriCorps is going to onboard 33 new summer Youth Corps and AmeriCorps Members. Becca Eastman has done tremendous recruiting members. Staff look forward to members supporting the youth and family events, programs, and beautification efforts throughout the community this summer.
- Theresa Hauman and Becca Eastman were in New Orleans May 9-12 for the Regional National Service Conference with AmeriCorps. The conference was a great opportunity for networking and learning. New ideas for various training opportunities and ways to streamline the program to make it run more effectively and efficiently were brought back.
- The two summer AdventureCamp locations (Roosevelt Community Center and Collins House) were combined into one location at the Annie Wittenmyer Complex gymnasium to better meet the needs of the community. The east Davenport (Collins House) camp location had a large waiting list and this transition has enabled staff to serve those on the waiting list. Staff are currently working hard to remove old

equipment from the gym site in preparation to house 60 kids this summer.

- Davenport's podcast *The Pulse* spotlighted Scott County Special Olympics and Stuart, a Scott County Adult participant was interviewed. The podcast will air Thursday, May 18.
- All qualifying Special Olympic athletes are practicing for the State Games, May 25-27.

## **Revenue Facilities**

- Golf – The golf restroom renovations supported by FY23 Park Development Program are now complete at Duck Creek and Emeis.
- Golf – Supporting Military Appreciation Week by complimenting golf fees for Veterans and Service members.
- The River's Edge – Now re-opened from recent flood that closed on-site operations and temporarily relocated administrative operations for two weeks.

## **Event and Program Updates**

- Community Events (May - June)
  - **Movies in the Park – 'Sing'** Friday, 5/19 | 6PM | RELCOATED: Eastern Ave Library & Prairie Heights Park
  - **Fejervary Family Fun Day – Kids to Parks Day** Saturday, 5/20 | 12-3PM | Fejervary Learning Center
  - **Movies in the Park – 'The Lorax'** Friday, 5/19 | 6PM | RELCOATED: Eastern Ave Library & Prairie Heights Park
  - **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 | Aquatic Centers
  - **Party in the Park** Thursday, 6/22 | 5:30-7:30PM | Marquette Park
- Recreation Programs (May - June)
  - **Creative Natives** Thursdays, 5/18 or 5/25 | 2-3PM | Vander Veer Conservatory
  - **Up Close & Plantable** 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, 5/26-9/22 | 2-4PM | Sunderbruch Park
  - **My Little Wheelbarrow** Thursdays, 6/1 & 6/15 | 10-10:30AM | Vander Veer Botanical Park and Fejervary Learning Center
  - **Scrapbooking** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 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 Begin** 6/2-8/17 | Dates & Times vary | Annie Wittenmyer and Fejervary Aquatics Centers
- **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, 6/8 & 6/22 | 10-11AM | Fejervary Learning Center
- **A Fairy Home Companion** Saturday, 6/10 | 2-3:30PM | Vander Veer Conservatory
- **Family Field Day - Kites** Saturday, 6/10 | 1:30-3PM | Miracle Field @ Prairie Heights Park
- **Junior Track and Field Club** Mondays, 6/12-7/10 | 6-7:30PM | Brady Street Stadium
- **Summer Junior Theatre Classes Begin** 6/2-8/20 | Dates & Times vary | Davenport Junior Theatre
- **Summer Ice Skating Lessons Begin** 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
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- Notable Dates (May - June)
  - **Spray Parks Open** 7 days a week, 5/27-9/04
  - **Summer Kids Pass Activities** 7 days a week, 5/29-9/04
  - **Vander Veer Summer Theme Activities** Every day, 5/27-9/4 | 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
  - **City of Davenport River Bandits Game Night** Friday, 6/9

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