

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2019; 12:00 PM

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

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Minutes

A. January 2019 Meeting Minutes

III. Public Comment

IV. Old Business

A. Park Development Fund Project Input

V. New Business

A. DPR Friends Groups

VI. Staff Reports

A. February 2019 Written Staff Report

B. Riverfront Improvement Commission Report

C. Park Operations

D. Recreation

E. Revenue Facilities

F. Director's Report

VII. Advisory Time

VIII. Adjournment

IX. Next Meeting Date and Location

City of Davenport
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

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

Date
2/5/2019

Subject:
January 2019 Meeting Minutes

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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes January 2nd, 2018 at Rivers Edge

Present: Duffy, Knoth, Lemek, Peterson, Roberson, Schlue, Spratt, Thomas, and Trees

Staff Present: Director Dyson, Betsy Tubbs, Troy Evans, Jessica Rhoads, JJ Condon

Public Present: none

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm

1) Roll Call: See above.

2) Approval of Minutes:

Peterson moved for approval of the December 11th, 2018 minutes and Duffy seconded; Minutes were approved as written.

3) Public Comment: None

4) Old Business: None

5) New Business:

- a. **Parks Development fund project list-** Director Dyson provided a brief overview of all proposed projects. See video for full details. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hJQJmCjaqCY>)

Questions from PAB Members: Knoth, What is a DOLA? **Director Dyson,** Dog Off Leash Area. **Knoth,** Some of our park signs are neat. Would this company be re-designing all the signs or just some? **Dyson,** Majority of the signs are adequate, as we add or replace signs we would follow the design guide lines.

Spratt- Can you expand on the play pool feature? I know there was talk about taking out the sand and replacing it with Splash features. **Director Dyson-** This project is intended to remove the sand and replace it with another feature. This amount of money would not cover any water features. We will get more details on specifics of this project. **Duffy:** Can you explain the electric road sign? **Tubbs:** This sign would be just like the signs at Anni-Witt and the Putnum. It's a digital marketing sign. **Duffy:** Cosmic Golf system, I am not familiar with that at all. **Evans:** This is a light apparatus that people can hit golf balls to at night. It can keep score via the targets. It can be set up and used at all of our golf locations so it would travel from course to course. It's a very popular golf trend at this time. **Peterson:** River Edge Skate replacement, we need to have the proper size laces for the skates. Please keep that in mind while budgeting for replacement. For the pour and play surface, haven't we already paid for that on the Miracle Field? **Director Dyson:** The Miracle Field has this surface and is paid for, this is to upgrade the playground surface from mulch to the pour and play surface once the playground is reinstalled after construction of the Miracle Field is complete. **Roberson:** On the DOLA stuff, will the Duck Creek Dog Park be added to this list. **Tubbs:** At this time there is no additional CIP funding for the Duck Creek Dog Park or 3rd dog park. **Director Dyson:** To fund a 3rd Dog Park we would need CIP funding. That project would take most of this funding.



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6) Staff Reports:

- a. **Riverfront Improvement Commission Report-** See Written Staff report
- b. **Park Operations:** See written report
- c. **Recreation:** See written report
- d. **Revenue Facilities:** See written report
- e. **Director's Report:**
 - Reminder the May 7th Park Advisory will have a joint meeting with the City Council. This meeting will be at the Police Department Community Room from 330 to 500pm. It will cover topics of joint interest. This meeting will take the place of our regular scheduled meeting
 - Friends Group Updated: We are working on finalizing a list of letters of agreements with many different organizations. As far as Friends if groups there at 5, Friend of Credit Island, Friends of Vander Veer, Jr Theatre Ink, Friends Off Road Cycling and Friends of Vets Memorial Park. We can schedule them individually or have all 5 come on the same day. **Trees:** I would like to see 1 group come in at a time. **Peterson:** I am flowing that way as well.

7) Advisory Time:

- a. **Chair Thomas:** In regards to the upcoming budget meetings; is there a specific day that applies to the parks? **Director Dyson:** These meetings are cover all departments, there are broken down into operations, CIP funding and general overview.

8) Next Meeting Dates and Location:

Next Meeting-Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 at 12pm @ City Hall, Council Chambers.

9) Adjournment

It was motioned by **Spratt** and 2nd by **Roberson** that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was approved 9-0 and adjourned at 1:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Rhoads, Administrative Assistant

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Park Development Fund Project Input

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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD INPUT

Park Development CIP Fund FY 2020- \$350,000

Please Return to Chad by February 19th

PROJECTS	EST. BUDGET	HIGH	MEDIUM		Top 5
			LOW		
Junior Theatre lift	\$ 10,000	H	M	L	
Junior Theatre classroom studio space remodel	\$ 60,000	H	M	L	
Junior Theatre dressing room remodel	\$ 20,000	H	M	L	
Junior Theatre sceneshop remodel	\$ 40,000	H	M	L	
Roosevelt Community Center improvements	\$ 65,000	H	M	L	
Vander Veer warming house repairs	\$ 15,000	H	M	L	
Vander Veer stone building roof	\$ 15,000	H	M	L	
Vander Veer conservatory roof glass replacement	\$ 6,000	H	M	L	
Rivers Edge rental skate replacement (490 Pair)	\$ 65,000	H	M	L	
Goose Creek disc golf	\$ 20,000	H	M	L	
Junge South playground replacement	\$ 60,000	H	M	L	
Rivers Edge parking lot repair	\$ 15,000	H	M	L	
South DOLA enhancements	\$ 30,000	H	M	L	
Fitness stations along recreation trails	\$ 15,000	H	M	L	
Pool play features - Annie Wit and Fejevary	\$ 25,000	H	M	L	
Rivers Edge lobby remodel	\$ 75,000	H	M	L	
Christmas Light Display at Fej	\$ 25,000	H	M	L	
Miracle Field Playground	\$ 15,000	H	M	L	
Sound system upgrade- All 3 Pools	\$ 3,000	H	M	L	
Duck Creek- Walking Path from Lodge to Golf Course	\$ 15,000	H	M	L	
Duck Creek Golf Service Road-Repaving	\$ 50,000	H	M	L	
Electric Road Sign- Centennial Park	\$ 40,000	H	M	L	
Park signage study and standardization	\$ 15,000	H	M	L	
Cosmic Golf System- Portable	\$ 30,000	H	M	L	
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Total	\$ 729,000				

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Davenport Parks and Recreation

Friends Group

Junior Theatre Ink: www.davenportjuniortheatre.org

Our Mission

Junior Theatre, Inc. creatively enriches the lives of Quad-City Area youth by offering education in the art and craft of theatre written for youth, performed by youth and presented to the public.

Our Values

Self-Confidence: We enhance students' life-long ability to express themselves with clarity and conviction.

Friendship: We provide a safe environment where students interact and form lasting relationships.

Responsibility: We promote a team environment in which students rely on each other and themselves to fulfill their goals.

Creativity: We foster individuality and unique ideas expressed on stage and beyond.

Inclusiveness: We make programs and performances affordable and accessible to all.

Fun: We believe that theatre arts should be enjoyable and that FUN is essential to our quality of life.

Friends of Off Road Cycling: <http://www.qcforc.org/>

FORC's Mission

FORC is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity with the goal of expanding mountain biking opportunities in the Quad Cities area through education, advocacy, stewardship, and community building. We meet these goals by: partnering with local land management agencies to build new off-road trail systems, providing skilled volunteers to construct and maintain sustainable off-road trails, hosting MTB related educational events, and organizing activities to grow the local mountain biking community.

FORC's History

The QC Friends of Off-Road Cycling was started in March of 1997 with the goal of creating MTB riding opportunities in the Quad Cities area. The first trails FORC adopted were at Loud Thunder Forest Preserve near Andalusia, IL. Soon to follow was Sylvan Island Park in Moline, IL, Sunderbruch Park in Davenport, IA, Scott County Park - Park View, IA, Illiniwek Forest Preserve - Hampton, IL, Westbrook Park in DeWitt, IA, and now Dorrance Park in Port Byron, IL and Praire Park in Geneseo, IL. In total we have built +40 miles of natural surface single track trail at QC area parks tailored to mountain biking use. These trails are also enjoyed year round by hikers, trail runners, dog walkers, snowshoers, cross country skiers, and other human powered activities. Each year FORC contributes +1000 hours of volunteer labor to local parks for trail improvements and maintenance which is valued at over \$22,000.

Friends of Vander Veer: <https://www.friendsofvanderveer.com/>

About:

The Friends of Vander Veer has a mission to support Vander Veer Botanical Park. Our non-profit has existed for more than 20 to fulfill this mission. We are the only non-profit to raise funds exclusively for Vander Veer.



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Our Mission, vision and strategic plan were developed in joint meeting over the years with Parks and Recreation staff and Friends of Vander Veer Board of Directors members.

Because of our mission, we are able to solicit funding from people with good experiences in our Park, so that we can put the funding right back into the Park for our citizens to enjoy. This cycle continues and our Park is more beautiful than ever.

Friends of Credit Island: <http://www.friendsofcreditisland.com>

The Mission of our Non-Profit (501c3) Organization is to protect and preserve Credit Island as an amenity in the City of Davenport which supports numerous and unique cultural, environmental, social and recreational opportunities.

Credit Island, located on the banks of the Mississippi River in the Quad Cities of Iowa, was originally used as an early Indian Trading Post in the 19th Century. Locals could obtain credit on the promise of hides and skins to be delivered at a later time; hence the name "Credit Island".

Today Credit Island is a 420-acre (1.7 km²) community park under the jurisdiction of Davenport, Iowa Parks and Recreation Department and is listed on the Davenport Register of Historic Properties.

This natural preserve features a Disc-Golf Course, Rugby, Soccer, Baseball, and Softball Fields, Fishing, Picnic Shelters, Bicycle Trail and is the scene of many public events. It is a popular sight seeing and eagle watching site among locals and travelers and is home to the area's largest rentable Parks & Recreation Lodge; large enough for your wedding reception, corporate event or family gathering.

Friends of Veterans Memorial Park: <http://fovmp.org>

Veterans Memorial Park will contribute to the continuous riverfront park system that will span the majority of downtown Davenport's riverfront while integrating access to the Riverfront Trail System including the American Discovery Trail and the Mississippi River Trail, both national recreation trails which traverse the site and the Mississippi River while preserving and celebrating the unique river history that built Davenport.

The memorial and park will be accessible for all patrons, but especially veterans who may have a physical disability or mobility impairment from their service or age.

The park will also:

- Honor and recognize the contributions of area veterans to this country through their military service today and forever into the future
- Improve view of and access to the riverfront by residents and visitors as the western bookend of Davenport's RiverVision plan
- Demonstrate the ability to environmentally reclaim a decommissioned landfill for public use
- Provides a unique opportunity and responsibility to steward this land and educate the public about its appropriate use
- Complement the mission of other Quad City organizations that clean and preserve the Mississippi River, notably Living Lands and Waters and River Action
- Educate children in our region about this country's military history and how area residents contributed to that history.





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Staff Report- Park Advisory Board February 5, 2019

River Front Improvement Commission Update

- No update, January meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Notable updates from Staff

Park Operations

- Snow, snow and more snow! Staff is doing amazing clearing the repeated snow falls. We even had a grateful business bring the guys hot chocolate and donuts as a thank you for their hard work keeping the recreation trails clear.
- Extreme cold has caused a challenge for our boilers and furnaces. Daily facility checks have been added to our duties. The Credit Island Lodge has been particularly challenged and may need to be replaced as soon as possible.
- Don Allen, Parks Operations Manager, has spent a week at the NRPA's Parks Maintenance School. This is the second year he has attended. This is a school where class attendance is expected and class projects are turned in. Don earns Continuing Educations Credits for his work there.
- Vander Veer staff is working hard to transform the conservatory into beautiful Spring colors with the opening of the Spring floral show on Valentine's Day. It's great place to visit if you have the winter blues and want to see colors other than white or brown! 😊

Recreation

- First time in the last 4 years we will have snow for Chili Golf.
- We are working with partners like Junior Theatre Inc, HavLife and 180 to get full scholarships to over 9 scholarships a session to our classes and programs.
- Set up to do 8 "on the road" hiring fairs in Feb for Youth Corps, AmeriCorps and all our summer positions, programs and aquatics.

Revenue Facilities

- Fees were approved to be raise
- Learn to skate Winter Session concludes this Saturday (2/2). The Winter Session registrations increased 17% from the Fall Session.

Top Staff Challenges

Park Operations

- Managing Part time staff hours when the snow falls demand long hours is a challenge. Staff working extra hours now means staff working less hours in the Spring and Summer. We have a fantastic staff that is very flexible!

Recreation

- Not to be redundant but the weather is obviously hindering programs, from having to cancel leagues and practices at the school buildings, to causing make-ups and difficulty in training new refs.
- Our recreation youth sports supervisor was unexpectedly out longer than anticipated by 8 weeks. Our rec team including Jessica Rhoads has done a great job covering her duties.

Revenue Facilities

- Continued weather related challenges; working to reschedule various Ice and Turf programs and events. Mild mechanical challenges; frozen locks, HVAC difficulties dealing with sub-zero temps, lots of shoveling and salting.
- Mid-Winter Staffing challenges, the RE is currently recruiting 4 Part-Time positions. 1 Skate Guard, 1 Concession Attendant, 2 Olympia Operators.