

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

Thursday, May 16, 2024; 4:30 PM

City Hall | 226 West 4th Street | Council Chambers

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - April 2024 Meeting Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Staff Reports
 - A. Riverfront Improvement Commission Report
 - B. Park Operations
 - 1. May 2024 Staff Report
 - C. Recreation
 - D. Revenue Facilities
 - E. Director's Report
- VII. Advisory Time/Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
- VIII. Next Meeting Date and Location
 - A. June 20, 2024 4:30pm in City Hall council Chambers
- IX. Adjournment



**Parks and Recreation Advisory
March 21, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present:

Coiner, Kefauver, Meyer, Peterson, Powell, Schertz, Shareef and Wittemeyer

Staff Present: Chad Dyson, Billy Fisher, Becca Niles, Amanda Randerson and Theresa Hauman

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall 226 W 4th Street

Meeting Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fYd5Ww5yBvo>

Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve the April 2024 meeting minutes presented by Schertz, seconded by Powell. Motion Passes 7-0

Public with Comment:

- **Kathy Dog Park Comments:**
 - Speeding and parking issues on Marquette Street.
 - Request speed bumps
 - Add parking in event area
 - Dog escaping through gap in the fence
 - Need more seating
 - Need More trees
 - Add picnic tables and benches
 - Water Fountain Clogged
 - Need small dog area with seating and water fountain

Old Business:

- **None**

New Business:

- Project Update and Presentation- Chad Dyson (See attached)

Staff Report: (see video for details)

- See written staff report
- Director Report-Verbal
- RIC Report- Verbal

Adjournment: 5:58 pm Motion to adjourn by Schertz, seconded by Coiner. Motion Passes 7-0



Project Update

- ARPA
- Park Development Program
- CIP

04.18.2024



Fairmount Community Center

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Cost: \$3,150,000

Description: Build a community center on the grounds of the Fairmount Library for classes, programs and residents to use.

Progress:

- Construction- In Progress

Anticipated Completion: June 2024



WORK IN PROGRESS

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Multi-Sports Court

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Cost: \$430,444

Description: Installation of multi-sports courts and lighting at Corkhill, Van Burren, and Herrington Parks.

Progress:

- Contract- Awarded
- Site Prep- Done
- Installation- Starts May 2024

Anticipated Completion: July 2024



WORK IN PROGRESS

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Dohse Splash and Play

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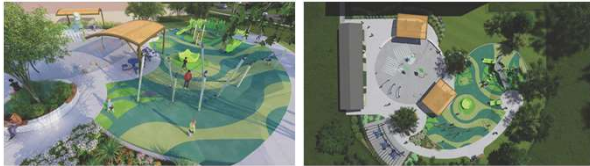
Cost: \$771,286

Description: Installation of a splash pad with playground features.

Progress:

- Construction in progress

Anticipated Completion: June 2024



Concept Illustrations
Dohse Park Splash and Play
Davenport, Iowa

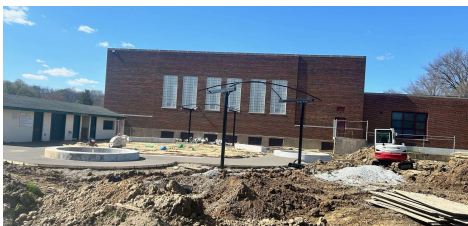
City of Davenport
Davenport, Iowa

WORK IN PROGRESS

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Dohse Under Construction

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ARPA Playgrounds

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Lafayette



COMPLETED

Whalen



COMPLETED

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ARPA Playgrounds

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Harbor Road



COMPLETED

Emeis



COMPLETED

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Main Street Landing

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Funding: \$ 16,000,000

Description: This project will install a customized, world class playground with additional unique amenities such as a flexible sports court and ice skating rink, hillside overlook, water feature, and sled hill.

Progress:

- A/E Services - Sasaki
- Plans and Specs- In Progress
- Bid Project – Summer 2024



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Anticipated Completion: Summer 2026

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Main Street Landing

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Main Street Landing

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Corkhill Splash Pad and Playground

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COMPLETED

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FY23 Project List

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FY 23 Park Development Fund Projects		
Division	Project	Cost
Ops	Skate Park Maintenance	\$55,000
Rev Fac - RE	The River's Edge Boiler Project	\$25,000 ✓
Ops	We Go Swing	\$50,000 ✓
Rec	Special Olympics Equipment	\$11,000 ✓
Ops	City Cem Building	\$45,000 ✓
Admin	Branding Initiative	\$20,900 ✓
Rec	Davenport Junior Theatre Tuckpointing	\$20,000 ✗
Rev Fac - Golf	DC & EM Restrooms	\$15,000 ✓
Rev Fac - Golf	Turf Tractor	\$25,000 ✓
Rec	Davenport Junior Theatre Porch Repairs	\$21,000 ✗
Ops	CI Lodge Floor	\$25,000
Rec	Fej Cougar House Roof	\$25,000 ✓
Total		\$337,900
Funded		\$350,000
Remaining Program Balance		\$12,100

FY24 Project List



FY 24 Park Development Fund Projects		
Division	Project	Cost
Ops	Cork Hill Park Playground	\$65,000 ✓
Ops	Monroe Park Playground	\$65,000 ✓
Ops	Park Amenities	\$50,000 ✓
Rec	Junior Theatre Dance Floor Replacement	\$7,500 ✓
Rec	Daycamp Improvements and Equipment	\$10,000 ✓
Ops	Shade Structures	\$70,000 ✓
Rev Fac- RE	Concession Remodel	\$25,000
Rev Fac - Golf	Range Tees at Duck Creek Golf Course	\$15,000 ✓
Ops	Education Room Remodel and Expansion	\$15,000
Admin	Centennial Dog Park Agility Equipment	\$19,000
Total		\$341,500
Funded		\$350,000
Remaining Program Balance		\$8,500

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Dog Park Equipment



Funding: \$19,000

Description: Installation of a dog agility equipment, shade structures, benches and trash cans.

Progress: Tunnel-Installed, Agility Equipment-Quotes, Shade Structures and General Amenities-Staff Review

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2024

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Skate Park Improvements DAVENPORT IOWA | USA

Funding: \$55,000 Park Development
\$300,000 CIP Funding

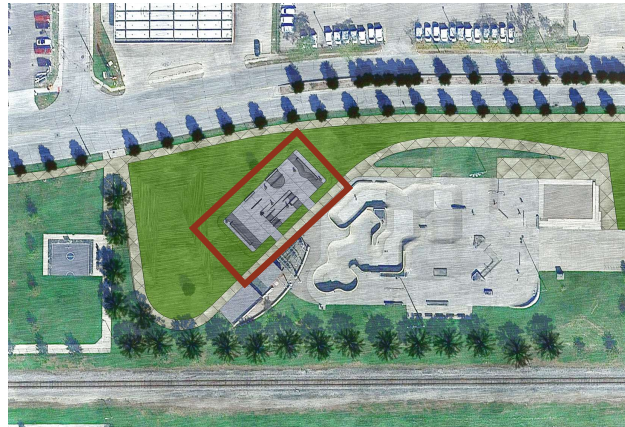
Description: Installation of a beginners area with in the skate park as well as maintenance to the current amenities.

Progress: Contract Awarded

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2025



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SR SPOHN RANCH

DAVENPORT

DAVENPORT SKATEPARK CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA
CONCEPT DESIGN 12.2023

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River's Edge- Concession DAVENPORT IOWA | USA

Funding: \$25,000

Description: This project will purchase and install new concessions equipment

Progress:

- Sandwich Cooler-Installed
- Popcorn Maker Ordered
- Electrical Work-Schedule
- Additional Equipment- Staff Review

Anticipated Completion: Fall 2024



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Credit Island Nature Play DAVENPORT IOWA | USA



Nature Playground
Credit Island - Davenport Parks and Recreation
September 2023

SHIVE-HATTERY
ARCHITECTURAL FIRM

Cost: \$241,724

Description: Installation of a nature themed playground at Credit Island Park

Progress:

- Site Work- In Progress
- Equipment Bid- Awarded
- Equipment Install April 2024

Anticipated Completion: Summer 2024

WORK IN PROGRESS

Vander Veer Fountain

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Funding: \$100,000 for Design FY24
\$1,000,000 Construction FY25

Description: The Vander Veer Fountain project includes removing the current fountain, reinstalling new mechanical components and rebuilding the fountain.

Progress: Draft RFP in process

Anticipated Completion: Summer 2026



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Emeis Clubhouse

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EST Total Project Cost: \$2,500,000

Fundraising Goal: \$1,500,00

First Tee Investment: \$300,000

Funding Raising To Date: \$60,000

Description: Replacement of the current Clubhouse at Emeis Golf Course.

Progress:

- Clubhouse Committee-Created
- Concept Developed
- Planning and Fundraising Goal Setting

Anticipated Completion: 2026

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Emeis Clubhouse

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ACTION PLAN



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Emeis Clubhouse

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Parks Security

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Funding: \$30,000 per year for 3 years

Description: Installation of security cameras and enhanced lighting in high vandalism neighborhood park location, in addition to funding set aside for future vandalism repairs.

Progress:

- Staff Review-Locations
- Staff Review-Equipment Needs

Anticipated Completion: Ongoing



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Questions



City of Davenport

Department: Parks and Recreation
Contact Info: Chad Dyson | 563-328-7275

Action / Date
5/16/2024

Subject:
May 2024 Staff Report

Recommendation:
Review

Background:

Attachments:
1. 05-2024

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
May 2024
Staff Report

Notable updates from Staff

Administrative Services

- AmeriCorps has onboarded over 20 summer members serving at 10 program areas throughout Davenport. This onboarding is in partnership with St. Ambrose University and the football team's program of offering discounts or fully waiving fees for on-campus summer housing expenses for members, partial matching of AmeriCorps education awards and making available support services and staff to ensure successful completion of their service.
- Dog Parks Updates
 - Forestry division has planted fast-growing white pine trees on the south side of Centennial Dog Park fence line acting as a wind break. These trees are currently approximately 5 feet in height, but will grow 2 feet per year up to 75 feet tall and 35 feet wide.
 - A supply box has been delivered to the Centennial Dog Park in replacement of the shed that was blown over and destroyed late last year.
 - Agility equipment quotes have come in and staff are moving forward with a vendor. Delivery window is 4-8 weeks. Due to pricing, staff are able to purchase more equipment than initially expected allowing staff to place equipment at both the Centennial and Robin Creek Dog Parks. Installation of a shade structure in the north corner of Centennial Dog Park will also be included.
 - Park Operations staff requested from Public Works Traffic Engineers a traffic study be conducted in Centennial Park on S. Marquette Street and Beiderbecke Drive.
 - Public Works placed a traffic counter early-May. Results are pending.

Park Operations

- The aerator fountains have been installed at the Vander Veer lagoon along with pinwheels in an attempt to reduce the number of geese, and keep the walk ways clean.
- Staff have cleaned, serviced, and opened the Vander Veer fountain, enabling garden fountain, rose garden fountain, and Dillon Fountain.
- Staff has completed a landscape plan for the bugler area and armed services mural at Veterans Memorial Park. Plants have been ordered, and installation will occur as soon as they arrive.
- Vander Veer held its annual plant sale. Staff assisted volunteers with preparations and setup. The sale was an astounding success having sold over 8,000 plants.
- Safety staff inspected the AED units at every park location to ensure park visitors, and employee safety in the event of an emergency.
- Staff continues to onboard seasonal employees.
- Staff has been busy researching solutions for vandalism, focusing on interactive camera solutions.
- Annie Wittenmeyer and Fejervary pools have been cleaned, with the filling to begin May 13th, and completely operational by May 17th. Ready for the training of pool staff the following week.
- Staff removed the Christmas light display from Fejervary Park.

Recreation

- In April, Junior Theatre hosted seven showcase performances featuring 250+ students performing over two days. This brought nearly 2,000 people through the theatre. Survey feedback on the performance classes had no negative feedback and 99% very satisfied.
- We are already full for AdventureCamp registrations and are almost full at all our performing arts camp weeks.
- Pool staff training is in full swing. The new DigiQuatics software is working perfectly for getting information out to staff quickly and efficiently regarding schedules. It is also allowing the staff to communicate back their availability. It will house chemical and maintenance logs, staff checklists, injury reports, shift reports, and other necessary logs at the touch of staff finger tips. Soon they will be learning the RainOut Line and RecDesk software.
- The new Davenport Trails Committee will be seating the first committee members in the month of May.

- Staff is gearing up for the "Follow your Roots" summer theme at Vander Veer Botanical Park.
- The Garlic Mustard Pull organized by staff in partnership with the Bi-Conservation Action Network had over 80 participants and over 100 filled bags of garlic mustard.
- The department had two sites for United Way Day of Caring April 25th. The spiral stone path at Vander Veer Botanical Park was repainted by volunteers. The other site was Roosevelt Community Center received an extreme clean-up and painting by volunteers.
- Davenport Parks and Recreation sites are partnering with other agencies to host the MLK Food Drive is being held May 7-May 21st. The mission is to eliminate hunger and affirm the capacity of people with disabilities to enrich the Quad Cities and give back in meaningful ways.
- May 16-18 over 60 of the community Special Olympic athletes will participate in the State Summer Games in Ames, Iowa. The athletes will compete in track and field, bocce, cycling and swimming competitions.
- Davenport Parks and Recreation hosts two Senior Olympic events: May 29th Bocce at Red Hawk and May 30th Golf at Emeis Golf Course.

Golf Operations

- The 2024 golf season has been off to a great start. Revenue is about \$100,000 more than last year at this point. Golf Rounds up over 5%.
- The Fiscal budget year is even better, going back to Last July 2023. Golf rounds are up over 10% and revenue running about \$250,000 more.
- Golf Operations credits the success to excellent staff work, good customer service and 'better than ever' weather!
- Emeis clubhouse fundraising committee continues its diligence to present a concept design to solicit support from local businesses, golfers and the direct community.
- Duck Creek Golf Course has recently completed the grassing of two road crossings on fairways #3, and #10. Both are green and open for golf and carts.
- Duck Creek Golf will be starting a Wetland restoration project this summer with the City Natural Resources Division. The excavation will happen on the North corner of the course, where the creek frequently floods into the golf property.

Communication Updates

- Community Events
 - Picnic in the Park 1st Fridays, 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6 | 11AM-1PM | Vander Veer Botanical Park Great Lawn
 - Fejervary Family Fun Days 3rd Saturdays, 5/18, 6/15, 8/17, 9/21 | 12-3PM | Fejervary Learning Center
- Recreation Programs
 - Drop In Open Gym 1st Friday of the Month | 4-5:30PM | Roosevelt Community Center
 - Creative Native Wednesdays, 5/22, 5/29, 6/5, 6/12 | 3-4PM | Vander Veer Conservatory
 - QC Senior Olympics 2024 Thursday-Monday, 5/27-6/1 | Times vary | Locations Vary
 - Up Close and Plantable Fridays, 5/29, 6/28, 7/26, 8/30, 9/27 | 4-6PM | Sunderbruch Park
- Notable Dates
 - River Bandits City of Davenport Night
 - Friday, 5/31 | Modern Woodman Park
 - Hit the Trails National Celebration Dates
 - Bike to Work Week | Monday-Friday, 5/13-5/17
 - Bike to Work Day | Friday, 5/17

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Department:
Contact Info: |

Action / Date
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Recreation

Recommendation:

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Attachments:
None