

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

Thursday, July 18, 2024; 4:30 PM

City Hall | 226 West 4th Street | Council Chambers

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
 - A. FY26 Park Development Program
- VI. Staff Reports
 - A. Riverfront Improvement Commission Report
 - B. Parks and Recreation Written Staff Report
 - 1. July 2024 Written Staff Report
 - C. Director's Report
- VII. Advisory Time/Suggestions for Future Agenda Items
 - August 15, 2024 in City Hall Council Chambers at 4:30pm
- VIII. Next Meeting Date and Location
- IX. Adjournment

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

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Subject:
FY26 Park Development Program

Recommendation:
Review Information

Background:

Attachments:
None

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Staff Report

Notable updates from Staff

Administrative Services

- Staff are working with Human Resources department to develop a new Communications Assistant part time position.
- The 20+ summer AmeriCorps members are just slightly past the halfway mark and have been instrumental in supporting the diverse program offerings with the Parks and Recreation department and at our partner agencies.
- AmeriCorps Program staff are actively recruiting for the 24-25 Grant Year and have already received over 90 applications in the first two weeks of recruitment.

Park Operations

- Staff repaired the ADA swing at Tyler Park.
- Staff cleared storm debris from parks after multiple high-wind events.
- Staff prepped the Dohse Splash and Play site for the grand opening, including laying sod, repairing the bath house fixtures, mulching landscapes, and cleaning the concrete.
- Staff was busy preparing for the flood, including boarding the windows at Credit Island Lodge.
- New disc-golf tee boxes were poured at Eastern Avenue.
- Staff remains busy repairing damage to lights, fixtures, playgrounds, and other areas due to vandalism.
- Staff removed 2-inch landscaping rock from the median at Dillon Fountain, and replaced with mulch to deter vandals.
- Staff top-dressed Veteran's Memorial Park with top-soil to allow the completion of Phase II.

Recreation

- Annie Wittenmyer and Fejervary Aquatic Center large tower slides received repairs and renovations last month. They both look brand new and should be enjoyed at the pools for years to come.
- Staff finished up our track and field program with 275 participants, 50 more than we have had the last couple of years. This is a fantastic program we partner with Cornbelt Running Club to offer for free to community youth.

- Our Learn to Skate summer sessions were delayed due to the flood but will give all participants a full though delayed session.
- Youth Fest had over 850 kids attend Fejervary Learning Center, it was a fun and eventful day for everyone with activities from over 22 community vendors.
- Junior Theatre summer programs continue to thrive, with all camps being full and exceeding last year's participants numbers for both theatre and dance classes.
- Staff has started a new inclusive drop-in bocce program at Red Hawk Golf course at 4:00 on Wednesday afternoon throughout the summer.
- The Journey of Hope Bicycle Team that rides across the nation to raise funds and awareness for special needs programs will be in town for their fun event at Annie Wittenmyer pool Thurs July 18th from 6-8:00 pm. For \$5.00.

Golf Operations

- Golf Courses continues to be very strong and busy this early summer. Practice ranges are so busy we have difficulty keeping up.
- Staff has done an excellent job maintaining 'above par' playing conditions.
- Some golf staff will be leaving soon for college, so planning to add about 6-8 new clubhouse staff this July and August.
- Contract work has begun on the **wetland installation** at Duck Creek Golf Course (old #3-#4 area) as surveying stakes are now present. Excavation planned yet this July. Minor, if no interruption of DC course is expected.
- Red Hawk will renew a space rental contract with Smokin' Butt BBQ. They have been a great partner in maintaining and securing the Red Hawk facility as well as providing great food to our Friday and Saturday customers.
- Emeis still on track for a major fundraising effort to replace the 1960 Clubhouse.

Communication Updates

- Community Events
 - Party in the Park | Thursday, 7/18 | 530-730PM | Sunderbruch Park
 - Picnic in the Park 1st Fridays, 8/2, 9/6 | 11AM-1PM | Vander Veer Botanical Park Great Lawn
 - Party in the Park | Thursday, 8/8 | 530-730PM | Cork Hill Park
 - Fejervary Family Fun Days 3rd Saturdays, 8/17, 9/21 | 12-3PM | Fejervary Learning Center
 - Movies in the Park "Kung Fu Panda 4" | Friday, 8/30 | 6PM | Vander Veer Botanical Park
 - Power Wheels Nationals | Saturday, 9/14 | 9-12PM | Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds
 - Get Out and Trail | Saturday, 9/21 | 9AM-1PM | QC Area Recreation Trails
- Recreation Programs
 - Drop In Open Gym 1st Friday of the Month | 4-5:30PM | Roosevelt Community Center
 - Gardening for Pollinators, 7/30 | 2-3PM | Fejervary Learning Center
 - QC Senior Olympics 2024 Thursday-Monday, 5/27-6/1 | Times vary | Locations Vary
 - Up Close and Plantable Fridays, 7/26, 8/30, 9/27 | 4-6PM | Sunderbruch Park
 - My Little Wheelbarrow Thursdays, 8/1 & 8/15 | 10-10:30AM | Vander Veer Conservatory & Fejervary Learning Center
 - Up Cycle That Fridays, 8/9 & 9/13 | 4-5PM | Vander Veer Conservatory
 - Secret Life of Trees Wednesday, 8/21 | 4-5PM | Duck Creek Lodge
- Notable Dates
 - Cosmic Golf
 - Fridays & Saturdays, 6/1-8/31 | Duck Creek Golf Course
 - River Bandits City of Davenport Night
 - Friday, 8/23 | Modern Woodman Park
 - Closed for Labor Day holiday
 - Monday, 9/2 | All Park Facilities/Offices (except Golf Courses)
 - Red White and Boom (Rescheduled)
 - Saturday, 9/7 | Le Claire Park

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