

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

CITY OF DAVENPORT, IOWA

Thursday, January 16, 2025; 4:30 PM

City Hall | 226 West 4th Street | Council Chambers

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Minutes
 - 12.19.2024 Meeting Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Advisory Board Bylaws: Tabled
- V. New Business
 - A. Staff Introduction: Zach Meyer, Performing Arts Supervisor
 - B. Junior Theatre Project Update
- VI. Staff Reports
 - A. Director's Report
 - B. Written Staff Report- January 2025
 - C. Riverfront Improvement Commission Report
- VII. Advisory Time
- VIII. Next Meeting Date and Location
 - A. 02.20.2025 4:30pm in City Hall Council Chambers
- IX. Adjournment



**Parks and Recreation Advisory
December 19, 2024
Meeting Minutes**

Board Members Present: Kefauver, Meyer, Peterson, Powell, Powers, Schertz, Shareef and Wittenmeyer

Staff Present: Chad Dyson, Becca Niles, Alyssa Steward, Jessica Rhoads, and William Fisher

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

Meeting Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FSFF3tlCuys>

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

Public with Comment:

- None

Old Business:

- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Bylaws: Postponed

New Business:

- 2024 Recap Presentation

Staff Report:

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

Park Advisory Board Time: See Video

Adjournment: 5:23 pm Motion to adjourn by Powers, seconded by Wittenmeyer. Motion Passes 7-0

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

Action / Date
1/16/2025

Subject:
Advisory Board Bylaws: Tabled

Recommendation:

Background:

Attachments:
None

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Park and Recreation Advisory Board

January 2025

Staff Report

Notable updates from Staff

Administrative Services

- AmeriCorps program staff met with the leadership team at the United Ways of the Quad Cities to discuss the United ways becoming a host site.
- On Monday, January 20, all currently serving AmeriCorps members will participate in the MLK Day of Service supporting a food giveaway at the Minnie Fridge at Roosevelt Community Center.
- The administrative team is assisting with data entry of all River's Edge ice reservations, specifically those from the Quad City Hockey Association.
- The department communications team is working with Recreation staff members to plan design projects for 2025 programs and events as well as build the new messaging and social media calendar for the first 6 months (January-June).

Park Operations

- Staff has been busy removing tree debris from the Credit Island Nature Preserve.
- Staff removed existing vegetation from Emeis Park baseball bullpens and replaced with ag-lime for greater durability and aesthetics.
- Staff expertise was improved as two members of the team sat for and passed the *Certified Playground Safety Inspector* examination.
 - Playgrounds have a weekly-walk-through and monthly-complete inspection.
- The Lead Horticulture Technician retired and we have filled that position internally. James Youngers was promoted into the position.
- The Vander Veer Conservatory hosted 4,611 visitors in the month of December.
- Horticulture staff started production of the spring annuals and plants for the Friends of Vander Veer plant sale.

Recreation

- Toddler time, drop-in afterschool, and rentals have all been steady at Fairmont Community Center.
- Staff hosted new themed public skates at The River's Edge over the holidays.
 - Swiftie Skate had approximately 85 people in attendance.
 - Skate with Santa had 115 people in attendance.
- With the positive feedback and attendance of these themed skates, staff will continue to host them in partnership with the Figure Skating Club of the Quad Cities, who provide crafts and activities.
 - The next theme will be Mascot Skate in February.
- Staff partnered with the Arc of the Quad Cities to hold an adaptive/inclusive Holiday Dance for over 180 guests.
- Special Olympics Basketball season is here. So far, the Scott County Adults have registered 2 competitive 3-on-3 teams, 1 competitive 5-person team, and 20 basketball skills players.
 - These athletes will compete at the Area Games on January 25 for a chance to go to state competitions.
- Staff welcomed Zach Meyer, the new Performing Arts Supervisor, who started on 12/23/24.
- Junior Theatre enrollments are 244; 19 more than we had at this time last year.

Golf Operations

- Golf Courses are in winter maintenance mode: tree pruning, stump removals, clearing up vines and overgrowth areas, etc.
- Golf staff are preparing to grind mowing reels and service the mowing machinery.
- Staff are bidding asphalt covering for service driveways at Emeis Golf Course and Duck Creek Golf Course.
- Also bidding a service project to 'seal-coat' and repaint Duck Creek Golf Course parking lot.
- City's Neighborhood and Streets Division has been assisting Duck Creek Golf Course staff with moving earth/soil and providing valuable equipment and assistance at the pond to remove cattails from the pond bank.

Communication Updates

- Community Events
 - Sweetheart Dance | Friday, 2/14 | Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds-Starlite Ballroom
 - Mascot Skate | Saturday, 2/22 | The River's Edge
- Notable Dates
 - MLK Day Closures, 1/20
 - Vander Veer Conservatory, Fairmount Community Center (during the day) and Parks and Recreation Administrative Office will be closed
 - Fairmount Community Center open gym and The River's Edge will be open as normal
 - Presidents Day Closures, 2/17
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Riverfront Improvement Commission Report

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None