

# CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMISSION MEETING

Monday, March 4, 2019

Center of Clayton, Meeting Room C

**Members Present:** Jim Craig, David LaGesse, Missy McCormick, Jeanne Most, Becky Patel, Eric Schneider, Melanie Tamsky, Jason Wilson & Mark Winings

**Absent:** Ira Berkowitz & Brad Bernstein

**Also Present:** Patty DeForrest, Valerie Egel, Dan Krewson, Toni Siering & Denise Ucinski

## **Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the February meeting were approved as written.

## **Addresses from the Audience:**

There were no addresses from the audience.

## **Director's Report:**

Ms. DeForrest reported that the DeMun Park project started today. Signage is at the park stating it is closed for construction until June. The park may open as early as May if things go as planned.

The Norm West Dog Park fence has been installed. The park should open in a couple of weeks. People are joining the park now and registration is going better than expected.

Chapman Plaza fountain repair is scheduled to start next week and be open by spring.

The City received a planning grant from the Municipal Park Grant Commission that is for the new Maryland Park.

Ms. DeForrest stated that there is a potential plan to change the course of action for the ice rink. Staff has met with several consultants during the fundraising process. The plan is to keep moving forward rather than waiting to complete it for a variety of reasons that include operational issues with the rink, the cost to delay and the potential for outside funding of a portion of the project. The City is considering hiring a Construction Manager-at-Risk to control costs. Ms. DeForrest will report additional information when it becomes available.

The Capital Improvement Plan will be reviewed at next Thursday's (March 14, 2019) Board of Alderman (BOA) meeting. The South Shelter playground has been moved up and will be able to be replaced as early as October 2019. We will begin considering options for this area soon.

## **Center of Clayton**

Ms. Toni Siering reviewed The Center of Clayton presentation with the Commission. (See attached presentation for all details.) The focal points of the presentation were: explanation of the governing body committees, Center of Clayton membership and daily admission sales, center programs and full details of the expansion and renovation plan as well as the implementation phases.

## **Old Business / New Business:**

Ms. Missy McCormick stated if there is a not a strong need for the playground by Clayton High School; then it might be worth exploring the option of putting basketball courts there.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski