

CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, February 4, 2019

Center of Clayton, Meeting Room C

Members Present: Ira Berkowitz, Brad Bernstein, David LaGesse, Missy McCormick, Becky Patel, Eric Schneider, Melanie Tamsky & Mark Winings

Absent: Jim Craig, Jeanne Most & Jason Wilson

Also Present: Patty DeForrest, Dan Krewson & Toni Siering

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the January meeting were approved as amended.

Addresses from the Audience:

Clayton resident, Mac Redohl, asked the Commission to consider outdoor basketball opportunities in Shaw Park. A copy of his comments have been included with these minutes.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan:

Ms. Patty DeForrest informed the Commission that the City of Clayton's strategic and comprehensive planning process has been put on hold due to the recent release of a regional merger plan by Better Together. She told them that the BOA will discuss the planning process after more information is collected about the merger and urged Commission members to become familiar with the proposal. Further, remaining projects in the current Parks and Recreation Master Plan would be enough for several more years. No funding opportunities would be lost by postponing a new master plan; however, some current trends are not covered by the existing plan. Mr. Eric Schneider recommended working on existing projects for the next two years until the merger proposal has been settled. Mrs. Becky Patel suggested reviewing new trends in future meetings. The Commission intends to wait for further details from the BOA before proceeding on any planning.

Director's Report:

Ms. DeForrest reported that the Norm West Dog Park has a good plan in place and the donation is being finalized. Clayton residents may join Brentwood's existing dog park now. Both dog parks will be included in the single membership. Norm West will be completed in March and Clayton residents will have resident access for three years through the cooperative agreement. MSD is on schedule in Anderson Park and is hosting a meeting with residents about blasting on Thursday, February 7 at 4:00 pm.

DeMun Park equipment has been approved and ordered. A preconstruction meeting will be held next week.

Oak Knoll roof replacement will begin May 4 and is projected to cost less than budgeted.

The Center of Clayton renovations were approved by the ARB. The project will be bid in early March. Additional details will be presented at the Clayton Recreation Sports and Wellness Commission on Friday, February 15.

Chapman Plaza fountain will be repaired in early March to fix an issue of water spilling out onto the sidewalk.

Shaw Park Ice Rink is having a good season, though the temperature swings have been challenging.

The Department has been busy with youth basketball leagues and selecting bands for summer concerts.

Old Business / New Business:

Mr. Ira Berkowitz announced that a representative from Better Together will present details of the merger proposal at the BOA meeting on Tuesday, February 12 at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Brad Bernstein inquired about the history of the City and Clayton Century Foundation funding School District projects. Ms. DeForrest stated that traditionally the City and School District have raised funds separately for their own properties.

Mr. Bernstein and Mr. Berkowitz inquired about whether The Center of Clayton renovations will include enhancements to control of building access. Ms. DeForrest stated that the building and its operations are not designed for control. Several options were considered in the renovation planning process, but complete control could not be achieved.

Mr. Bernstein asked about the next steps for the consideration of the address from the audience at the beginning of the meeting. Mr. Schneider suggested seeking additional community feedback to gauge interest.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:14 pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Dan Krewson