

**CLAYTON PARKS AND RECREATION COMISSION MEETING**  
**Monday, March 2, 2020**  
**Center of Clayton, Meeting Room A**

**Members Present:** Ben Beinfeld, Jim Craig, David LaGesse, Becky Patel, Eric Schneider & Stacy Siwak

**Absent:** Ira Berkowitz, Missy McCormick, Melanie Tamsky & Mark Winings

**Also Present:** Patty DeForrest, Dan Krewson, Lori Rice, Toni Siering, Denise Ucinski & Justin Whipple

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the January meeting were approved as written.

**Addresses from the Audience:**

There were no addresses from the audience.

**Shaw Park All-Season Recreation Complex:**

The presentation that was reviewed at the Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting was shared with the Commission. Mr. Lou Chiodini told the Commission the following information, which was a result of the second ARB meeting: the site plan mostly stayed the same, the canopy was massive, aluminum was too industrial looking, and they did not like the columns, beams or planks. Mr. Chiodini explained while reviewing the new drawings that the square columns looked too commercial, so they changed them to round ones and an off-white color is being used to soften the look of the canopy and beams, which make it a more elegant looking structure. Further, the canopy is no longer 10-12 feet on the ends, and it has been lowered to improve the view of the rink from the street.

Ms. Becky Patel expressed that she was not supportive of the changes that have been made to the design. Years of public input were a result of the original design presented at the first ARB meeting. Ms. Patel noted that it looks like two different designs were mirrored together which is a bad decision. The updated design is a significant deviation from the original one and is insignificant. The cathedral windows make the building look less open and dated. The Commission believes it is important to have a very open view when inside the building looking out onto the rink. Also, the Commission noted that they strongly preferred the previously submitted Shaw Park All-Season Recreation Complex design. Chiodini will look at this and revise the windows to reflect the Commission's input.

Mr. Jeff King from Ballard King and Associates reviewed the Ice Rink Market Assessment with the Commission. The following highlights about the study results were discussed: the national market analysis showed the population would grow by 4.6% in the next 5 years, the under 5 years of age category saw some growth and the 25-44 years of age category showed the most growth coming in at 27.6%, which is above the national average, age and income are two factors that drive participation in recreation programs and the median income in Clayton is higher than the national average.

Mr. King stated that when it comes to deciding on surfaces for all season facilities there is a lot more flexibility with using a hard surface rather than turf. There are many opportunities for other activities during the non-ice rink season such as, pickleball, expansion of existing recreation programs, outdoor events like farmer's markets and concerts. Mr. King noted that stakeholders were very vocal about the rink season being extended, the quality of the ice and a steadier increase in revenue. Ms. Patty DeForrest stated that the initial cost estimate shows that there will be about a 77% cost recovery when operating a year-round facility. The estimates were conservative when looking at growth of non-ice activities. Ms. DeForrest also noted that a group from Contemporary Productions is making sure the facility has everything it needs for large events. Staff is working on programming plans and by the end of the year will have a more well-developed operational plan.

**Director's Report:**

Ms. DeForrest reported that The Center project is 80% complete. The Center will be closing for 10 days during spring break, to give the construction crew the ability to do some major work, which will assist in getting the project completed by the end of May. The Maryland Park project is a fundraising priority right now. The City has allocated funds for the building tear down. A RFP for new shade structures at the outdoor pool will be posted soon. The fence at Oak Knoll Park along Ridgemoor will be repaired and parts of it will be replaced. Ms. DeForrest also reported that the City is working on a contract for the Comprehensive Mater Plan so that will be firm soon. A baseball tournament is scheduled on Field #7 on March 20 so the hope is the new field will be playable by that time.

**Old Business / New Business:**

There was no old or new business to report.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski