



PRC PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

RECORDED BY: Melonie Trang

MEETING PURPOSE: Monthly Meeting

MEETING DATE January 12, 2022

LOCATION: PRPL Conference Room

ATTENDEES:

PRC Board Members: Chuck Platt, Thom MacLean, Jamie Clark, Maia Dickerson, Jon Thompson, Jim Rott

PRPL Staff Members: Mike Whitaker, Director; Mike Pigg, Park Superintendent; Mark Jarvis, Park Planner; Dan McKinney, Recreation Specialist

City Staff Members: Assistant City Administrator Kevin Iffland; Elyse Monat, City Planning

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Vice-chair Thom MacLean called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM

INTRODUCTIONS:

Zach Dunn

Laura Dragger

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:

No additions to the agenda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice-chair MacLean asked for a motion to approve the December 8, 2021, meeting minutes. Board member Jamie Clark made a motion to approve; Board member Maia Dickerson seconded. On a voice vote, all were in favor and the motion passed.

DIRECTORS REPORT: Michael Whitaker

Michael welcomed newest board members Jon Thompson and Jim Rott to the board.

Mr. Thompson said he currently serves on the City County Planning Board and was the former Park Superintendent. Mr. Rott said is one of the owners of Steep World, serves on the board of the Better Billings Foundation and on a board at the Metra for special events.

PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENT:

Vice-chair Thom MacLean opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Park Board Election of Officers:

The floor was opened for nominations of Board Chair. *Board member Chuck MacLean nominated Thom MacLean as chair. Board member Jon Thompson seconded. On a voice vote, all were in favor.*

Mr. MacLean opened the floor for nominations of Board Vice-chair. *Board member Maia Dickerson nominated Jamie Clark. Board member Jamie Clark nominated Chuck MacLean. Mr. MacLean declined nomination. Ms. Clark accepted the nomination of vice-chair. Board member Jon Thompson seconded motion. On a voice vote, all were in favor.*

B. Parks and Recreation Monthly Report

❖ **Recreation Specialist Dan McKinney gave the Recreation Division report on behalf of Kory Thomson:**

Four recreation programs started last week: City League, table tennis, adult volleyball, and 4-6 grade boys' basketball.

Senior Community Center has started their new programs last week; Bingo is going on today

Recreation staff has begun to work on the summer brochure. It will come out in March

Girls' volleyball will start next month

Tennis Elementary will start in a couple weeks

Had a meeting to discuss the miracle field

A question was asked what a Miracle Field is. Mr. McKinney said it is a field that allows wheelchairs and for those with disabilities.

A question was asked if the Miracle Field will be built and in use this summer. Mr. Jarvis said yes.

❖ **Parks Superintendent Mike Pigg report for Parks, Forestry, and Cemetery divisions:**

Staff has been working on the ice rink at Veterans. Due to warmer weather, it has started to deteriorate but still is getting a lot of use.

Staff has been removing several diseased trees in the planters along Montana Avenue. The trees that have been removed, will be replaced sometime this spring

Staff did some snow removed this last month

Continuing to open and close the restroom at Centennial. Not seeing a ton of use there. Due to this being a 12-month restroom, there has been an increase in costs in overtime for full time staff. In the last month there has were some issues with the heaters but have since been fixed.

Staff is placing rocks today at Centennial Dog Park today. Funding for the rocks has come from the dog park committee

Staff is busy working on the pumps, making sure they are ready to go this spring

A comment was made that former council member Frank Ewalt has mentioned how much he enjoyed working with Mike Pigg on the shelter at High Sierra Park.

A question was asked if staff would continue to work on the ice rink. Mr. Pigg said it is weather dependent.

❖ **Park Planner Mark Jarvis report on Projects in Parks:**

Poly Vista Park: on hold due to weather; still issues receiving information for the building permit and supply chain products

Optimist Park shelter: shelter is on hold due to weather; working on getting the building permit and product here.

Castle Rock Playground: moving forward on the play pod

Terry Park: has new shelter, ADA walkway, and sidewalks; playground is being delivered; waiting on contractor to do the install

Lillis Park Playground: waiting on equipment to be delivered

Central Park tennis courts: Public works is assisting us on the design; we have the survey and geotechnical report. The consultants have received the reports and are working on the design.

Optimist Parking Lot: public works is working with us on this; spring construction; will be located on the west side of the park

Multi-generational Center: had a kickoff meeting for the project; moving forward in the next six months; completion of the concept design study should be completed this fall; A&E will be doing the design work. Funding for this will be coming from SUBRA

C. Multigenerational Recreation Center

Mr. Whitaker said an advisory committee is being formed and staff is looking for a board member to volunteer. Board member Platt said he would do it.

D. Bloomberg Asphalt Art Project

This is an asphalt art project for streets along North Park; includes street and crosswalk art
Part of the Urban Renewal Plan

Funding for the project is coming from the Bloomberg Foundation Grant

The \$25,000 grant was applied for in April of last year and awarded last fall. We were just one of 26 cities in the country selected for the grant funding.

Primary installation will be along N 19th street

There is a 2–3-year lifespan.

Working with Public Works and North Park Task Force on the project

Using local committed community partners and artists

Project installations will be this year

E. Poly Vista Park Grand Opening

The grand opening for Poly Vista is being planned for this summer. Mr. Whitaker said staff is putting together a planning committee for the event and asked for volunteers from the board to be on the committee. Board members Jon Thompson and Thom MacLean both volunteered.

AJOURNMENT – There was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn, and the motion passed.
Adjourned at 11:40am.

(Please note these are summary minutes; this meeting is recorded and available to the public for any additional information discussed)