

CITY CLERK

Parks and Recreation Board
June 17, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.
Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities, 1920 Grand Avenue

2021 JUL -1 PM 3:51

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Clark, Chris	(13-9)	02/11/24
	Heim, Michael	(16-6)	02/03/24
	Lanham, Annette	(11-1)	02/03/24
	Luedtke, Patti	(9-0)	08/31/25
	Nelson, Pam	(20-2)	02/03/24
	Nelson, Scott	(9-1)	07/27/25
	Supple-Bish, Mary	(17-5)	02/03/24
MEMBERS ABSENT :	Brandt, Valerie	(22-28)	06/20/21
	Grace, Darrell	(24-13)	06/20/21
STAFF PRESENT:	Chuck Kempf, Director Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Jessica Oshel, Special Events & Communications Coordinator		

Call to Order.

Chairman Chris Clark called the meeting to order at 4:05pm,

ITEM #2 - Approval of minutes

Approved

ITEM #3 – Updates:

- a. Parks Capital Campaign Update – 10-year sales tax – committee comprised of 8 people. The meetings were attended by all 8 and went very well. A 77 million list was cut down to 60 million (50 million projects with 10 million supplemental.) The main challenge to any funding for the Civic Arena was concern about investing funding with all the inconsistent, uncertain information that comes out of elected officials. For the most part projects are spread out geographically throughout our system. A lot of the areas with projects were combined together. There are a lot of projects that can be will not be immediate. There is always a possibility of utilizing Bonds to help upfront funds instead of waiting several years. The list will be presented to the City Council on Tuesday.

Some projects:

Rolling Stock and equipment – 4.2 million – 2 million up front first then keep other 2.2 throughout the 10 years.

Krug Park – 12 million – address big issues with the historical aspects – half of the funds going to amphitheater.

Hyde Park – 6 million – shelter, Hyde #6 ballfield, pool house, splash park, restrooms, etc.

Lighting for a lot of parks specifically ballfields – this address safety

Middle of town – John Lucas, Aquatic Park, Little League ballfields

Bode Ice Arena – received quite a bit of funds to upgrade.

Eastside Park – 2.4 million, this should cover construction and purchase of land if needed

Shelters – would like to see the same materials used for the new shelter at Bartlett Park (metal and stone.) Current shelters are wood with shingled roof.

Question: Mike Heim – when will this go on the ballot

Answer: August election

Question: Scott Nelson – will this leave Parks out of the other CIP Sales Tax

Answer: we will still be able to request CIP Sales Tax for other needed projects. Civic Arena will be on regular CIP Sales Tax. Our hope is we will not be completely left out.

Question: Annette Lanham – current CIP Civic Arena received no funds – could the HVAC be funded by the COVID funds.

Answer: at this time not sure what plans are on using the COVID funds.

Question: East side park – could Arrowhead Park be used

Answer: Arrowhead is more of a pocket park, but it can be used and improved

Question: If this does not pass in August, what next

Answer: It can be put back on the ballot in November. A simple majority is need to pass. If not passed the most critical area of concern in rolling stock & equipment. Our current mowers are 3 to 5 years, but they run 8 months of the year at least 5 days per week for 8-10 hours per day. They wear out and break down fast.

- b. Hyde Splash Park Update – No good news on materials for surface. The architect is getting very frustrated by the suppliers. They have been trying to push them to get the product. The surfacing material is specifically for wet aquatic applications, which is different than a dry surface like playground. They have made good progress on everything else they can and it looks good.
- c. Pool Update – we were able to acquire enough guards to open. We were only a week later than planned since we were still in training. MWSU has had to shut down their pool due to no guards available. Multiple Kansas City are pools are shut down due to staffing as well. Even Worlds/Oceans of Fun are struggling to stay open.
- d. Staffing Challenges – There is still a struggle filling even our full-time positions. We have had to re-post multiple times. We are even looking at an RFP for outside vendor to run the Civic Arena concession operation because we are unable to get staffing. We will see how it goes. We have a large event in August that we will need the concession.
- e. River Bluff Trail – Motorized Vehicles – Code changes have been taken to the council to stiffen the rules and penalties for the use of motorized vehicles on the trails. This will also help with our other trail enforcement throughout the system.

ITEM #3 – Upcoming Events

- a. National Parks & Recreation Month – July is National Parks Month, which will be recognized by a special proclamation during the next council meeting. We will use social media to publicize the various activities we will hold in our parks and facilities throughout the month.
- b. Park Passports – Memorial Day Weekend – Beginning of School in August – We currently have around 400 kids registered. They are not all from St. Joseph, there are quite a few from out of town.

ITEM #4 –Open Discussion

- a. Chuck – at the next meeting we would like the board to discuss the process of permitting new or improving primitive trails. We would like to have a permit process to require and review drawings. Would like to have boards involvement in the process.
- b. Next meeting, we will have two new members coming on the board in July. Valerie Brandt and Darrell Grace terms expire in June. The proposed new members have been submitted to the council for approval.

ITEM #5 –Public Comment

No public comments

ITEM #6 - Adjourn

A motion to adjourn meeting, seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 15, 2021, 4:00pm** at Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities office, 1920 Grand Avenue.

Minutes respectfully submitted,
Lori Frederick, Executive Administrative Assistant