



City of Auburn Parks, Arts & Recreation Parks & Recreation Board



Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Virtual and In Person

I. Call to Order 5:34 pm

Present were Board Chair Michael Hassen, Members: Peter Di Turi, Katie Helton, Wayne Osborne, Mike Palko-Dean and Lisa Russell. Department staff present were Parks Director Daryl Faber, Parks Planning Manager Jamie Kelly, Recreation Manager Kevin Witte, Special Events Coordinator Kristy Pachciarz and Parks Administrative Assistant Julie Mehl.

II. Minutes

The May minutes were approved.

III. Committee Member Input

Drug paraphernalia has been reported to be found in Lea Hill park restrooms.

There are two volunteers who regularly pick up garbage at Isaac Evans park.

IV. Correspondence/Public Input

V. Old Business

The Spray Park at Les Gove was opened after 4th of July.

VI. New Business

Daryl welcomed new Park Board member Peter Di Turi and Kevin Witte, new Recreation Manager.

VII. Department Report (Faber/Kelly/Witte/Pachciarz)

The Parks Department has won grants totaling \$155,000 for Rec Riders and SEEK programs. Many bicycles have been purchased, bike storage trailers, tools, helmets etc. A free summer program including bicycling & STEM at Lea Hill and Game Farm parks have been very successful. Next spring we hope to have Rec Riders at the Cedar Lanes pump track. These programs will benefit many kids who wouldn't ordinarily get to ride bikes.

We will be updating our policies to allow mobile food vendors in parks. We'll accept applications, establish a flat rate and rotate diverse vendors such as BBQ, burgers, tacos to differing well utilized parks. This program will eventually expand to Plaza Park and the Auburn Ave Theater Alleyway.

The Squirrely Summer Scavenger Hunt ran from July 1 through July 11 and had over 1000 participants! There was a raffle with numerous prizes and participants ranged from age 8 to 88. The hunt was set up in 16 parks and we received many positive comments.

The Auburn Ave Theater sustained water and smoke damage from the downtown fire on July 24. There was no structural damage and repairs will be covered under insurance. The AAT should be open in September.

A Kaboom grant application has been submitted for a much needed new community built playground at Fulmer Park. If we are a recipient we will be connected with a sponsor and will utilize volunteers for the project.

The split rail fence at Isaac Evans is to be replaced within the next few months.

Seasonal Summer staff is finally at a level where full time Parks Maintenance employees can focus on summer projects. Trillium will be sending a group 3 days per week to help downtown maintenance and at the Community Center.

The 104th Ave project design is at 90% completion. Covid, flood plain staff turnover has affected the timeline of this project. Will go to bid next spring and will include a pre-fabricated restroom.

The Arts & Culture Center will go out for bids in 3 weeks, award process will begin in October, building to be open in Spring.

Construction at Cedar Lanes for the pump track will begin in October by Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance, hopefully to be open by Spring.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.