



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



Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 3, 2022

5:30 p.m.

Virtual and In Person at Community & Event Center

I. Call to Order 5:31 pm

Present were Chair Michael Hassen; Members Peter Di Turi, Katie Helton, Wayne Osborne. Department staff present were Parks Director Daryl Faber, Recreation Manager Kevin Witte and Administrative Assistant Julie Mehl.

II. Minutes

The March minutes were approved.

III. Committee Member Input

The board reviewed the Downtown Plaza site plan, project to be completed by late Fall.

IV. Correspondence/Public Input

Citizen Adam Braun requested one or more pesticide free parks. Isaac Evans, Auburndale or Cedar Lanes are being considered.

V. Old Business

The Arts & Culture Center project included removal of walls downstairs for sprinkler installation, cupola leak repair, roof work.

To date, we have received two food truck applications.

VI. New Business

SCJ Consultants will update the PROS plan, which allows the City to apply for numerous grants. They will attend events and visit parks to evaluate the needs in our park system.

Thaniel Gouk, new Parks Planning Manager begins Monday, May 9.

VII. Department Report

The insurance claim is in process for the Auburn Ave Theater. A grant has been submitted for 2.5 million for improvement or acquisition.

The Peter Cotton Trail event had 1100 participants and 85 prizes were awarded. We have received many positive comments.

SEEK Grant includes 3 programs; Up & Running, Mobile Rec and full week camp scholarships. Mobile Van will be at Special Events and free lunch programs.

Upcoming events include Youth Fishing Derby at Mill Pond May 7, Special Needs Fishing Derby May 14, Senior Fishing Derby June 4.

The City received a \$40,000 Mid Sound Fisheries Grant for tree planting at Isaac Evans & Fenster parks.

The Inter-Urban trail paving project will hopefully begin this summer.

Forest Villa, Fulmer and Auburndale parks will receive upgrades. The pump track at Cedar Lanes Park will go out to bid soon, for use this summer.

Community Center parking lot asphalt job to begin early May.

Safety in parks has improved over the last two years, we're now giving coaches keys to restrooms at Brannan to avoid homeless interactions. There were no complaints after Peter Cotton Trail event.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.