

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting: September 18, 2019

Members Present: Matt Tullis, Jeffrey Sogge, Justin Strom, Steve Storjohann
Absent: Kim Barnes, Nick Salasak, Cindy Brodin
Staff Present: Geoff Hubbard

There were no minutes taken in August to be approved.

Coliseum Renovation

The Resolution to order construction for the Coliseum should be on the September 23 Council Agenda. GTG Architects are getting the final documents together this week to go out in the Council packets on Friday. If approved the bids would be due October 23, to then be approved on the October 28 Council meeting with construction to begin in November. Hubbard guessed the complete date would be December 2020. The project is estimated at \$3.6 million dollars with \$2 million coming from insurance, 300,000 city funds, and \$1.3 million in grants and donations. So far the fundraising committee has raised \$1.1 million in donations and grants.

Aquatics Center

The Family Aquatic Center closed on August 25 for the 2019 season. For this being the first year that Parks & Recreation managed all aspects of the operations and maintenance of the facility, staff felt it was a pretty good summer. We are still working on the numbers for attendance and revenue so will share that at the October meeting. We managed to have enough lifeguards, especially after holding a class around the 4th of July and getting 7 new guards on staff after that weekend. The staff were surveyed at the end with most saying they would return and would recommend it to friends. With the exception of the lazy river being closed for 4 days due to broken glass in it, the aquatic center was only short of staff 2 times, graduation day and July 4, causing the lazy river or the deep end to be closed hourly throughout the day. We were also closed 3 days due to weather. All in all we felt it was a good summer at the pool.

Anson Park Project

The contractor, Caliber Concrete, started work on Monday and we had a construction meeting on site this morning. They are removing the old sidewalks, grading new sidewalk, installing the subdrains, and concrete work will start next week on proposed sidewalks. The new play equipment, funded by the Iowa Valley Leadership class, will arrive the first week of October and be installed by Boland Recreation the following week. After that we will be working with the Iowa Valley Leadership group to determine the location of their donor sign. The project is expected to be completed by November 8.

Park Update

The Council approved a master plan for Westend Park. Staff are working with the 13th Street District to fund portions of that project. More to come on this project as well as trail repairs, Timber Creek bridge, and potential other projects next month after Council approves a bond for 2020 at the September 23 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm. Next meeting is October 16, 2019.