

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting was held via Go-To-Meeting due to COVID-19
Meeting: May 20, 2020

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

Approval of Minutes
Minutes were approved.

Coliseum Renovation
Construction updates include new windows being installed, basement walls being demoed, stage walls are removed and that area is filled in with concrete, plumbing and electrical work being done on the first and second floors which are all framed and some drywall is going in.

Park Update
The West End Park project was awarded to Caliber Concrete, the contractor who just completed Anson Park Improvements, and will begin work on the park in June.

The Anson Shelter project bids were opened on May 20th at 10am. The lowest bid was \$100,000 over the project budget. Staff is recommending that Council reject the bids and staff and the architect will look at changing the scope of the project and rebidding it later this summer.

Timber Creek Bridge project was awarded and should begin construction in June with a completion date of November.

Timber Creek parcel – The City is selling a parcel to the east of Timber Creek Park along Southridge Road. The City would like to add the 100' x 150' section of the park just east of the entrance road along with that parcel for development. Currently it isn't used for anything and not really part of the active park. There was a motion by Barnes to release that area of the park for development. The motion was seconded by Tullis, all voted in favor.

Summer Programs and Aquatic Center Update
Due to COVID-19, staff has been working on plans on how to operate the aquatic center and summer programs under the new guidelines for the CDC, DHS, and Department of Public Health so that when we are allowed to open by the Governor we are ready. Right now pools can be opened for lap swim and swim lessons only, and groups of 10 are more is the restriction for programs like Summer Blast. Discussion occurred on the guidelines and what staff could do to operate safely. The logistics of monitoring social distancing at the aquatic center, along with admitting patrons into the pool and the extra cleaning that may be required, was a big concern for many members. The importance of keeping our staff and patrons safe was the biggest concern, and if we couldn't guarantee that safety, should we even try and open this summer. The majority of members felt that at this time, it was not their recommendation to open the aquatic center this summer. There were too many concerns about guaranteeing people's safety and the extra work

required by the staff was worth the limited revenues that would be generated given the guidelines required by all the governing bodies.

Meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm. Next meeting is June 17, 2020 and the location is TBD, depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

COLISEUM UPDATE 4/15/20

I wanted to give an update on where we are in the Coliseum. There have been several change orders go through Council but not all those reflect what is going on inside the building right now. I've included some pictures too so you can see some of the progress that is happening. We are excited with the progress that is happening and looking forward to moving in hopefully at the end of the year.

All the demolition work on the inside is complete except the stage wall. There was an issue with the south wall starting to re-open some existing cracks when the stage walls were being demolished. The architects developed a way to support the south wall with an iron beam which arrived yesterday and will get installed this week. The new truss for the roof in that area is here too, so once the south wall is shored up, they can begin installing it and then taking out the stage walls. The duct work for heating and cooling is being installed and you can see in this picture that the stage has been removed. You can also see where the new windows on the west side will be.



On the first floor, all the existing walls have been taken out and the floor leveled throughout the entire floor. There are now steps in the new Veteran's Memorial Gallery area leading down to the old doors. The ceiling is being dry walled and you can see some of the piping coming down from the second floor for the bathrooms.



The second floor is completely framed and piping is being installed for the bathrooms. The exterior walls have a moisture barrier installed and the walls will be getting drywall once all the plumbing and ductwork is completed in the next few weeks.



Construction has begun on the new west entrance and elevator shaft. In digging the hole for the shaft it was determined that the soils wasn't as compacted as necessary to support the new structure so additional excavation needs to occur and new soil put in so this has delayed that construction for a week or two. The Street Department has put in a new manhole out on front on State Street this week and at that time the contractor is installing the new water lines and sanitary sewer connections for the building. There was too much going on in those areas so I didn't get pictures of those at this time but you can see most of it if you drive by on 1st Street.

The basement is being demolished of most of the existing walls, which are becoming the infill material in the lowest part of the basement to bring everything up to the same level. A new sump pump is being installed along with new water services, electrical, phone lines and internet. The old locker rooms are going to stay and will become secured storage areas in the basement. The rest will become a large open storage area for tables, chairs, and other equipment.



As you can see, a lot is happening and the project is moving forward. I plan to set out monthly updates along with pictures so you can see the progress. If you have any questions about specific elements of the project let me know. Hopefully we can end our social distancing at some point this summer and a tour of the building could be arranged. Until then I'll take a whole lot of pictures! Geoff