Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
Meeting was held at West End Park
Meeting: September 16, 2020

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

Approval of Minutes
No meeting held in August due to derecho.

Park Update
The West End Park project is finishing up with sodding/seeding happening at the end of September, play structures are installed, new fencing of the futsal courts are in, and the shelter will be going in the week of October 12. Substantial completed is November 6.

Timber Creek Bridge project has begun, the old bridge was moved out to Radio Tower Rd on Tuesday, October 13, to make way for new dirt work and the new bridge to be installed in November.

After the derecho the City hired Thorp Logging to help clean up the City parks and dangerous limbs on terrace trees. There are over 880 terrace trees that are being address and about 1000 trees in parks that are being taken down or removing dangerous limbs. Fortunately most of the parks were not damaged except for trees. The only real damage occurred at the Log Cabin, dog park fence, fencing at some other parks, and a few picnic tables or benches. Most of that should be covered under insurance. The Aquatic Center had all of the umbrellas and canopies damaged and will also be replaced by insurance.

Summer Programs and Aquatic Center Update
The Aquatic Center opened this summer in June for water walking and lap swim, then for open swimming the 4th of July weekend. Our plans were to stay open until the 3rd week of August but the derecho basically caused us to close for the rest of the year. We averaged 125 people/day, brought in a little over $50,000 in revenue with expenses just under $100,000. We felt given the circumstances of COVID it was a successful summer.

Coliseum Renovation
Construction updates includes new parking area is being poured, front façade and windows have been completed, electrical work has been switch to new power source, gym walls are all dry walled and being painted, the front part of the building has been primed and painted, and the gym floor should start being installed in the middle of October. The project is still on plans to be completed in December.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm. Next meeting is October 20, 2020 at the Anson Park Shelter at 4:15pm. Please bring a mask.

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 one 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