



## Mission Parks, Recreation & Tree Commission Meeting Minutes Monday, May 18, 2020

The City of Mission Parks, Recreation & Tree Commission met in a scheduled Zoom meeting in lieu of meeting in person due to COVID-19.

<https://zoom.us/j/95502507608?pwd=ZHpCUFI2UG5zWUdGMUNZSIQ5NmIrdz09>

In attendance:

Mark Raduziner (Ward IV), Jacque Gameson (Ward IV), Mary Funk (Ward IV), Mary Ryherd (Ward IV), Lea Loudon (Ward II), Mellissa Currie (Ward II), Ben Chociej (Ward IV), David Schwenk (Ward III), Anne O'Leary (Ward I).

Penn Almoney and Kathy Lockard represented staff.

Deborah Rushing (Ward III) has resigned from the Commission.

Absent: Karin Capron (Ward II), Hillary Parker-Thomas and Nick Schlossmacher - Council liaisons.

Mark called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

### **Review**

- **Approve Minutes**

The following changes were requested:

Under the item Meetings:

Chair and Vice-Chair - **Change to vice-chair – not co-chair.**

Second line – **Change the word elect to elected**

Drone – 4th paragraph - Add the word **be after the word should.**

In the item - Adopt a Park - **Close parenthesis after the word etcetera.**

**Lea Loudon** made the motion to approve the minutes with the suggested changes.

**Ben Chociej** seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 9-0.**

- **Championship Tree Winner & Poster Contest winner Council presentation maybe June 17?**

The Championship Tree winners received their gift card to Lowes for more gardening beautification. Penn, Mark and Mary Funk will schedule a time when they can present the plaque to the winners in their yard with a photo opportunity wearing COVID masks and place the photo on facebook.

The Arbor Day Tree Poster Contest winner will be presented to the Council when they meet again in a full meeting.

- **Tree ID Plaques**

Thanks to the Mission Public Works department for putting the tree plaques up in Waterworks Park. Penn showed pictures of the plaques. David Schwenk noted that they look great – he had taken a walk in the park and has seen them.

Jacque will be putting up information in the sign board.

- **Crux (Zoom focus groups, surveys, etc.)**

Penn reported that Crux has been compiling all the information from the focus groups. Penn sat in on most of the groups and most people are in agreement that Mission is a hidden gem. There are things that are already on the Master Plan to be changed.

Everyone is excited to be able to share our information and to be able to come up to speed with surrounding cities.

All commission groups, City Administration and Governing Body will be given the completed information provided by Crux. It will then be up to commissions to present to the public.

- **Playground closure/Adopt-A-Park signage**

Penn showed a picture of COVID signs that are currently in the playgrounds. He reported that some patrons had removed the signs from some of the parks, especially Mohawk, so Penn got more signs out quickly. This was an act of vandalism.

Rushton Scouts have adopted Waterworks Park.

- **Drones - discussion item on June 3 Community Development Committee Agenda (6:30PM)**

The information has been shared with council and it is on the June 3rd Community Development Committee Agenda. Penn will be on hand to answer questions and assist with the discussion. He will report the Council decision at the June PRT meeting.

### **Discussion**

- **CIP Projects**

Summer Camp Cancelled

MFAC has been closed for the summer.

Tabled Shade structure replacement

Brought MFAC pool lines painting in house - Saved around forty grand by having staff do the painting

Tabled Lane line replacement

Tabled Conference Center banquet chair replacement

Tabled Indoor pool slide resurface/refinishing

Tabled Conference Center table replacement

Tabled Indoor track resurfacing

Tabled South kitchen floor replacement

Resurfacing the Indoor pool deck

Replaced Small kaivac cleaner

Penn shared pictures of the indoor pool surface deck resurfacing project. The pool deck will be a light grey when it is complete. He explained the entire process which is very extensive. This is the perfect time to complete this project. The pool will look so much brighter. If we have time, we will repaint the entire pool walls white without the added teal color. The entire process should be completed in hopefully 2 - 3 weeks, which should be in time for us to open.

The Powell Center will be open during the original August closing since we have

been able to complete the necessary projects now.

- **Calendar of Events**

Update with COVID closing.

MFAC is closed. Still under discussion to open Sprayground.

Campout – Staff is working on a virtual campout activity where families may be able to camp in their own backyard.

PRT parks tour. Penn would still like to do this, but meet up at the parks rather than taking a bus.

The Annual Mission Family Picnic, normally held the weekend after July 4th has been postponed until maybe September or possibly not until next year. The fireworks have been purchased and are waiting for use.

Mark stated that he thought he would try to go for mid-September. Anne would prefer not to have a date at this time. Anne suggested that we find a different way to connect to people without a large gathering.

Mellissa questioned how many people would feel comfortable bringing their children out to a large gathering.

Mary Funk stated that it does not make any sense to have any picnic in September if schools will not be back in session.

The information will go out to the public that the event will not happen in July.

Anne suggested reaching out to the public through the Farmers Market with some type of activity.

Mellissa suggested only presenting the fireworks. Anne suggested that everyone park in the parking lot and everyone stay in their cars.

Encourage patrons to get something together in their neighborhood for fireworks, but fireworks are not legal in the City of Mission.

Others suggested a parade. Ben asked how do you bring activity to everyone without taking a parade down every street in Mission.

Mellissa Currie and Mary Ryherd are having movie nights in their neighborhoods.

Anne O'Leary – suggested home tasking – giving people tasks that they can do at home on their own, and then sending pictures to the city to post on the City of Mission facebook page.

- **Parks 2 kids**

Penn shared pictures of the activities that were presented virtually for Parks 2 kids which was Saturday, May 16th. Parks & Recreation staff members Jenny Smith and Nick Shepherd put together a wonderful program. Special thanks to them.

- **Parks Tours**

This event can still happen if participants wear masks and split into smaller groups. Mark and Anne could share their notes from previous parks tours.

Lia Loudon suggested that people could be together via cell phones.

Mellissa suggested a spreadsheet on the location of the parks and what needs to be completed.

Mark suggested that Penn get the list from Laura Smith containing the information she presented to the members on the last tour that was given several years ago. Penn could then share the documents with members so they all have it and people can go on the tours on their own and then we can share the information at a meeting.

Penn would like to go from feedback from items on the Master Plan from the members on what needs to be completed. He would like to make a short list from the larger items. He would like to get a 5 year plan on items we can start completing, evaluate and make the items relevant for this time.

- **Tree Planting**

Last meeting we talked about planting trees in Broadmoor Park. We will plant a Zelkova and also a Bald Cypress which is a healthy tree, hopefully by the end of the month. After they are planted Public Works staff will take care of getting them watered. Penn would like to continue to plant trees around the walking trails and encouraged keeping the planting of trees in our meetings discussion.

Mark suggested that Jacque be advised when the trees are planted to make sure they are mulched correctly.

- **Phased Reopening**

Penn shared the reopening plan that was shared with the City Council which they had approved.

The information is on the website.

Mellissa Currie appreciated how much information Penn has shared with the members. Anne thanked Penn for all the hard work and decisions he has been making. It has been difficult to put out specific dates because they change so

frequently. Anne stated that communication and forgiveness are good at this time.

- **Other**

We now have an opening in Ward III, so please have anyone you may know who might be interested to send a resume to the Mayor.

Next Meeting will be Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Mellissa Currie** made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Mary Ryherd** seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Faithfully submitted by Kathy Lockard, Administrative Supervisor