



Mission Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission Meeting Minutes March 15, 2021

The PRT Commission met via zoom on Monday March 15, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

In attendance: Mark Raduziner, Anne O'Leary, Jacque Gameson, Ben Chociej, David Schwenk, Mary Ryherd, Mellissa Currie, Amy Warren (new) and Hillary Parker-Thomas, Council Liaison.

Penn Almoney, Kathy Lockard and Jenny Smith represented staff.

Absent: Karin Capron and Nick Schlossmacher, Council Liaison.

Anne O'Leary called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm

Penn introduced Amy Warren - New Member . We will need to determine if she is in Ward I or II. **Amy is in Ward II per Council appointment records.** Amy participated in the Johnson Drive Focus Group. Her email is warrenamyc@gmail.com.

Guest: Sustainability Commission Member - Hunter Lindquist

REVIEW

Approve Minutes:

No changes.

Jacque Gameson moved to approve the minutes.

David Schwenk seconded the motion.

Motion passed - 7-0.

Jenny Smith - Events update:

Bunny Eggstravaganza - Different than in the past. Event will be at Broadmoor Park. Not as much volunteer help needed at the event, but need help stuffing over 2,000 eggs.

6-7pm - March 30th

4-5pm - March 31st

Pickleball Tournament - May 31, 2021. Need volunteers for a four-five hour time frame.

Kids to Parks Event - Saturday, May 15th, 10:00am - 12:00pm at Streamway Park.

Set up will be different than in past years.

We will need tons of volunteers for this event.

Volunteers will be assigned from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Jenny will send out an email to give all the details to volunteers for each of the events. Please respond to her with your event(s) and time preferences.

Every volunteer is greatly appreciated.

Jacque Gameson is on to stuff eggs and Kids to Parks Event.

Benches - Update:

Penn shared pictures of the benches that were damaged in transit. Benches were ordered in October and the armrests on each end were cracked at the wood and handle. The pallet was damaged. We need to get another transit company to pick up the benches and return them in good shape before we pay for them.

Mark's bench will not be installed in Andersen Park until we receive the other benches in good condition.

This is definitely a problem with the transit company, not the benches.

Drain install at Andersen:

Penn shared a picture of the work that was completed by Taylor Shaffer. Andersen Park had a problem with water not draining properly in front of the tennis courts. Taylor cut the concrete and trenched out the soil and Penn and Public Works staff assisted. The work is complete except for the concrete being poured. Penn explained the process. It was successful as the area was dry after a recent rain.

Beverly Park Monument:

A Presidential Garden Monument at Beverly Park showing the names of past Tree Board Presidents was corroded.

The updated name plates are clean and clear and Mark's name is now added to the monument.

Karin Capron's name needs to be added to the monument as well.

Jacque was not sure of the dates for Karin, but will research and get the information to Penn.

David Schwenk looked on the city website and reported that it was Mission Tree Board until 2017 when it became the Parks, Recreation and Tree Commission.

It was determined Karin would have been president from 2014-2016.

Penn will get a plaque and add her name to the monument.

Sustainability Commission Invite:

Hunter deferred to Mary Ryherd to update members from the last meeting. She shared the following information.

Johnson Drive was discussed on ways to make that area more walkable and cycleable. Possibly putting in bicycle lanes would be beneficial.

There was lots of discussion on the crosswalk and trail behind Johnson Drive.

The Sustainability Commission is still in the survey process, getting results from the patrons.

Ben stated the results are in the CDC minutes.

Mary has a background in video editing. She would like to assist the Sustainability Commission with putting together the video on recycling - what to recycle and what not to recycle. She will help edit that piece if needed.

Sustainability Commission members put out door hangers on most of the houses in Mission on recycling.

Curbside composting was discussed. This would be related to food compost.

Curbside glass pickup would not be available curbside. The Commission is still looking for another glass pickup point at a Mission business.

Members on the north end of town would like to have something closer, but there is glass recycling in the Aldi parking lot in Roeland Park which is used by Mission residents.

Discussion on Community for all Ages. Mission is a gold level so the committee is talking about keeping our gold level status.

Anyone interested in attending the April 5th meeting.

Anne O'Leary will attend the meeting.

Penn stated the goal is to get more PRT member's versed in Sustainability.

DISCUSSION

Pearl Harbor Park Tour:

This is the last park on our discussion list. Taylor has the notes to act on as our default priority list. Penn shared the list of notes from the members.

Mission Project has not been able to take care of the park and they have removed themselves from the park adoption.

A sign will be posted to Adopt this Park and a place for your name, for anyone or any group interested in adopting the park.

Penn explained the process in adopting a park.

Penn shared the repair list for the park.

Penn stated that Taylor is renting an aerating machine and will complete that process this week.

Improvements for the park include:

Update a couple of trees with identification plaques.

Add a directional wayfinding sign.

Sand and repaint the pergola.

Add a drain process for the monument sign. The plexiglass box does not allow any moisture to evaporate. The piece from the Arizona, housed in the box is oxidizing faster than it should. Penn will be working on a possible solution to get the water to drain.

Fix blocks.

Counts of all parks - Taylor is working on this information.

Mark asked if there are more numbers in the parks this month than last month. He stated that he always sees someone in Andersen Park as he is walking.

Penn will look for the information. Since February was record cold, the numbers were low. He also stated that since soccer teams are now practicing the numbers are rising.

Anne asked if we have been pushing the Adopt a Park and it was suggested to push this out on social media. Anne suggested sharing the information when we push out our events in the parks.

Jacque suggested asking the business at Martway and Nall to adopt the park, or Capitol Federal. Amy Warren will ask a couple of people at the business called the Redwood Group at the corner of Martway and Nall if they would be interested in adopting the park.

Mary Ryherd stated that lots of people are parked at Maple and Martway, not respecting the limits of the stop sign, but she doesn't know if anything can be done. She feels that these people may just be sitting in their cars participating in Pokemon Go. Ben was able to find information on the Pokemon website and he will request the removal of the Maple and Martway area as a Pokemon stop.

Mohawk Park Rename:

Penn shared the names that have been submitted by residents and members. Since we are in a redesign of Mohawk Park this would be a good time to rename, if we feel this is what we want to happen.

Is the name offensive? We are not to say, but if others feel this way, then this is a good time to possibly rename this park.

Three separate residents voted to keep the name Mohawk Park. Is this the appropriate location to this park or a possible different name.

It is our job to give a recommendation to Council so they can provide feedback as well.

Mark stated that in light of the Shawnee Mission School District changing many of its mascot names this would be the time.

If this is going to be a destination park, then it would be a good time to add Mission to the name.

It is at 67th and Lamar and some people may not even realize that the park is in Mission.

New wayfinding signs may help.

Milhaven and Mohawk received the most votes of the names on the list.

Look into the name Milhaven and how that name came about.

Penn would like to have a certain number of names to share with the Council.

Anne requested each member pick two names, share them in the chat and then we can discuss.

Penn recorded the votes and will give the Council information as to why the names were chosen.

He also reminded the members that we do not have to change the name.

Penn is still waiting on grant approval that he had submitted, but hopes to hear soon.

Park Code Analysis:

Discuss any items that are of concern and need to be addressed.

Are we going to continue to have youth members?

Are we going to have a process to elect a chair?

Wheels on the trails? This item needs to be addressed sooner than later. 2030.90

Need to clean up what the trails are to be used for.

Ben stated that he felt each trail needs to be addressed separately.

Anne feels like the code was written before we had the Rock Creek Trail.

Penn also stated the deeper discussion of ebikes.

Penn stated that we need to have a robust discussion and come up with how we would like to have the code changed.

Anne suggested focusing on the trails.

We can evaluate other cities, go around seeing how people are using the trails in Mission and report ideas to Penn.

Look at codes 230.90 and 230.60 and evaluate the changes regarding wheels on trails.

Next Meeting is Monday, April 19th at 6:00 pm

Mark Raduziner moved to adjourn the meeting.

Jacque Gameson seconded the motion.

Motion carried - 8-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7.22 pm

Faithfully submitted by Kathy Lockard, Administrative Supervisor, Parks + Recreation