



**Mission Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2021**

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

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

In attendance: Mark Raduziner, Anne O'Leary, Jacque Gameson, Ben Chocie, David Schwenk and Hillary Parker-Thomas, Council Liaison.

Penn Almoney and Kathy Lockard represented staff.

Absent: Mary Ryherd, Karin Capron, Mellissa Currie, and Nick Schlossmacher, Council Liaison.

Anne O'Leary called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM

Guest - Ellen Parker - City of Mission Sustainability Commission. She shared that curbside composting might be an item for Mission soon. They have some members researching this item. The commission is going to give out their first sustainability award to the Locale.

REVIEW

APPROVE MINUTES

Jacque Gameson requested the following changes:

Page 4 - Beverly Park - aerated - change wording to read - **needs to be performed this year.**
Beverly Park - Plaque sign - change wording to read - **the plaque is corroded.**

Mark Raduziner moved to approve the minutes with changes.

Jacque Gameson seconded.

Motion carried with changes - 5-0.

INTRODUCE TAYLOR SHAFFER

Penn introduced Taylor Shaffer, new Parks Technician. Taylor is working hard on getting acquainted with the parks. He recently shoveled snow in Andersen Park on the sidewalks.

Taylor reported on keeping track of participants in the parks. One of his tasks is trying to get a count of all participants in the parks during the week.

He is currently working on alternate parks, but not many participants at this time. Penn shared that we should be able to share the counts at the next meeting. We should have a preliminary count at the four month mark. Staff will continue keeping the counts and after six months we should be close to having accurate information.

Mohawk Park - Split rail fences were not in good shape and Taylor got them fixed up. They look great.

Taylor shared his excitement about being with the City of Mission.

BENCHES UPDATE

The new bench in Waterworks park is located on the north side of the playground. It looks great.

Two more benches are expected to be delivered soon.

One of the benches was damaged and returned and the second bench that had not arrived was found on the dock with the damaged bench. The company will ship both benches on the same pallet and once they arrive they will both be installed in Broadmoor Park.

Mark's bench is being fabricated, but is being held until the other benches arrive. This bench is scheduled to be installed in Andersen Park.

MONUMENT SIGNS & WAYFINDING REVIEW

This item is on the agenda for the Council meeting on Wednesday, February 17th. Once we get the final approval, we should be able to move forward with this process.

The internal wayfinding signs to attach underneath the stop signs will be very beneficial.

Public Works is on board to expedite the installation.

MOHAWK PARK RENAME UPDATE

With the help of Laura Smith and the Admin team we will be able to put this out on Social Media and in the Mission Magazine. Social media will have four weeks to weigh in and Mission Magazine will have two weeks.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION INVITE

Mary Ryherd represented the PRT at the Sustainability Commission Meeting on February 1st. The talk was about the Ripple Glass in Mission. The City of Mission currently only recycles 20% at this time.

Ripple glass is looking for an additional location for their glass recycling. The company is always up for new locations. The Target parking lot was discussed as a possible location. The Commission is looking for more ways to educate the public on glass recycling.

Possibly have a friendly competition with Roeland Park to see who can get the most recycled glass.

Looking for a neighborhood to participate in curbside glass recycling.

Mary really enjoyed going to the meeting and she would attend the March meeting again if chosen. Anne offered to other PRT members, but Mary won out and will be attending the meeting in March.

DISCUSSION

PARK CODE ANALYSIS

This item is being placed on the March agenda.

Some ideas to think about are:

Do we want to have student members on the board?

Does sustainability have youth members? Ellen said that their commission had a youth visitor at their last meeting and he was thinking about joining.

Dogs in our Parks?

LEGACY PARK TOUR

Mark commented about the turf issues. Mark remembered that the builder was going to take care of this for a year and since that year has passed we need to make a decision as to what to do because there is no underground water system. Mark feels the trees are still small since they are not getting watered.

Trees - Legacy Park was named in honor or memory of people or pets. We need to promote this park.

Possibly add grasses such as what is planted around the Culvers area. The best idea would be to look at native plants that can take the heat. Could still use a couple more trees in this park.

Mark is a big believer in zero scaping.

Jacque suggested adding shrubs along with the native grasses to give some color.

Possibly involve the residents at Welstone to purchase trees for their family members. Think about putting together a Welstone corner that the residents may want to contribute to, which could be on the north edge to help consume the water.

Who puts up the awning? KC Tent and Awning. This will go up at the end of March - the 1st of April.

Penn has two potential new trees for Legacy Park.

Who cleans up the litter in the park? Now that Taylor is onboard - he will be on top of this.

COMMUNITY GARDEN? (Sydney Seratte)

Sydney was unable to attend the meeting, but she gave some notes to Penn to share with members.

Since the City of Mission already has a Community Garden Penn wanted to share some of the background with this person.

Anne stated that the Sustainability Commission is in charge of the Community Garden and Anne feels like this person should be steered to the Sustainability Commission. Ellen will put this in her notes to share with the Sustainability members at their March meeting.

Anne stated that a water source is needed if this really happens.

OTHER

Johnson County has a few cities that are talking about Art Installation in parks. The company will allow a sculpture to be put in a park for a year. After the year, the City has the option to purchase the sculpture if the patrons like it. Possibly do this in Legacy Park. Penn will pursue.

Mark commented on the mural on the side of the Tattoo Parlor, which is exciting. He feels like things are starting to progress on the west end of the city, so having art at Legacy would be a great idea.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 15th at 6:00 pm. On the agenda will be to discuss Pearl Harbor Park and Park Code Analysis.

Penn introduced Craig Donner to the members. Craig is the new Building Maintenance/Facilities Supervisor.

Mark Raduziner moved to end the meeting.

Jacque Gameson seconded the motion

Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting ended at 7:04 pm.

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

