



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

The PRT Commission met at the Powell Community Center in Conference Center Room C on Monday, November 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

In attendance: Anne O’Leary, Mary Ryherd, Jacque Gameson, Karin Capron, Mark Raduziner, Kim Weir and Hillary Parker Thomas, Council liaison.

Penn Almoney + Kathy Lockard represented staff.

Absent: Ben Chociey, Mellissa Currie, Emily Rollheiser and Nick Schlossmacher, Council liaison.

David Schwenk resigned from the Commission.

Anne congratulated Ben Chociey on his being voted in as Ward IV Council Member. Ben will be leaving the PRT and Anne thanked him for his years of service.

Anne also shared that Mellissa Currie had resigned and thanked her for her years of service.

Special guest – Kathy Thomas, mother-in-law of Hillary Parker Thomas. Kathy is interested in joining the PRT Commission.

Anne called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

**REVIEW**

**APPROVE MINUTES:**

**Jacque Gameson** moved to approve minutes with no changes.

**Mark Raduziner** seconded.

**Motion carried - 6-0.**

## **MAINTENANCE STANDARDS**

Penn shared maintenance standards for the trails in our parks. The process included how often trails need to be mowed, cleared of debris and the general upkeep.

## **TREE PLAN**

Penn congratulated everyone on the successful completion of the 2021 tree plan. The goal was to plant seventy trees and the city planted eighty-five. He shared Park and Greenspace Forestry Recommendations prepared for the City of Mission by Kim Bomberger, Kansas Forest Service.

This work was completed with the assistance of Jacque Gameson and many years of coordination.

It contains a list of tree recommendations and inventories so Mission can maintain a diverse tree canopy.

Anne congratulated people on getting their trees planted.

## **TREE ID PLAQUES UPDATE**

Jacque provided the information that the group is still working on getting the plaques out on the newer trees.

## **PARK CODE ANALYSIS – committee feedback**

Anne thanked Ben Chociej for all his hard work on preparing the Revision 3 wording of the Park Code Analysis.

**Jacque Gameson** moved to approve Penn taking the updated Revision 3 proposal to the City Council.

**Karin Capron** seconded.

**Motion passed – 6-0.**

## **SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION INVITE:**

Emily was not in attendance, so no update was presented.

Anne asked for volunteers from PRT to represent us at the Sustainability Meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm which will be in person at the Powell Center.

## **HOLIDAY FAMILY ADOPTION:**

Kathy shared that the City will have 108 families for food for the Thanksgiving pick-up on Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. She invited anyone who was able to assist to come to the PCC at 8am to assemble food baskets. She also shared the December 21<sup>st</sup> date for the Holiday baskets.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **POSITIVE IMPROVEMENTS – 85 Trees, Pearl Harbor Relic**

#### **CITY COUNCIL UPDATE:**

Penn shared the incredible efforts of the City of Mission to plant eighty-five new trees in the parks, private property, and city property throughout 2021. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Penn also shared that the relic in Pearl Harbor Park had been removed, and redesigned so that the water did not gather inside the relic. It is a great improvement.

#### **CITY COUNCIL UPDATE**

- **Final Design Mohawk Phase 1B**

Hillary stated that there is not much too update that Penn hadn't shared and that we soon will have a change in the governing body.

Members discussed Phase 1A which is the restroom and Phase 1B is the shelter.

Anne is requesting more information on the timeline for the completion of the entire park.

#### **CHAIR/VICE CHAIR NOMINATION**

Penn shared that the nominations he received were for Anne O'Leary as Chair and Jacque Gameson as Vice-Chair. This will be voted on in December.

#### **ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION ITEM – Poster Contest**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade poster contest was discussed. Jacque and Karin will continue with this program. Anne will share the presentation she prepared from 2020 for the teachers to use. Jacque will submit the instructions and contact the teachers in December.

**Jacque Gameson** moved to adjourn the meeting.

**Mark Raduziner** seconded.

**Motion carried 6-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

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