



PARKS, RECREATION + TREE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2022

**DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED**

The PRT Commission met at the Powell Community Center Conference Room C on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 6:00PM.

In attendance: Anne O'Leary, Warren Hays, Mark Raduziner, Kevin Schmidt, Nicole Sullivan, Kim Weir and Council Liaison Lea Loudon.

Penn Almoney represented staff

Absent: Jacque Gameson, Cindy Long, Ryan Casey, Council Liaison Mary Ryherd, and Jay Fleer, Non-resident member

Guests: None at this meeting

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mark asked for a correction in the October minutes which incorrectly noted council member Mary Ryherd was absent. It was corrected to reflect that council member Lea Loudon was absent. Mark made a motion to approve the minutes. Warren seconded the motion.

**Motion Passed unanimously 6-0**

**Sustainability Commission Report:** Anne attended the November meeting. Discussions were held on their recycling bin educational program. For this program members left stickers on bins with errors, and the biggest error was placing recycling in plastic bags. They followed up and found that over 200 bins had corrected the errors. The commission is still doing battery recycling and will be starting the Christmas/string light recycling again this year, starting now through the beginning of January. The commission also congratulated the PRT on the passing of the Parks + Recreation special sales tax. Nicole Sullivan volunteered to attend the next meeting.

**City Council Update:** The Council will be floating out some debt to cover road and park improvements, since revenue streams are in place to pay it back. Anne asked if there was a cost breakout. Leah said it is approximately 3 million for each department- Public Works having 3.5 million and Parks an estimated 3,070,000 in bonds.

Mark wanted to know if there is push back from the Council on all the apartment buildings that are being proposed. There has been some discussion since the increase of people could stress infrastructure, yet bringing more people to Mission could bring more businesses to Mission. They also can add diversity to the area by bringing in new demographics. Mark stated that with all the new apartments we could be adding a more transient population base, which would bring in people who are not as invested in Mission.

There is talk about Beverly Park being absorbed as part of an apartment complex development with a land swap of park space across the street along Martway Street. Mark questioned if it was a done deal, which Lea said it might be. Anne questioned who would be paying for building the new park, whether it be the city or developer. Not much information is known on that, however, that is part of the ongoing discussions.

Nicole questioned who owned Beverly Park, which is the city, but the developer is proposing a swap of comparable size to Beverly Park in space across the street.

Anne asked how that will affect parking for the Community Center. Penn said the adjacent parking garage contains 50 spots usable for Powell Community Center users, but it was questioned by Anne and Nicole on how many people know that they are available. Signage is to be added inside the parking garage to prevent residents from using the spots overnight.

The idea in moving the park land is to try to tie in the Outdoor Pool (MFAC) with the Powell Community Center. Mark brought up that Beverly has been used as overflow for kids programs, and using space across Martway St could be hazardous due to the high volume of traffic.

Warren asked if anyone had looked into the amount of traffic on Martway St and if a pedestrian safety feature had been considered. Kevin has asked if anyone had talked about privately owned public space and if it would work for Mission.

Anne informed us that Mission Bowl has agreed to let Mission residents access their dog park, but was not sure if that had changed. She also brought up how Mark and her joined around the time that Legacy Park was developed and in that situation, the improvements to the land used for the park was paid for by Mission.

Johnson County will be redoing the water treatment plant on the northeast side of Mission. They will build in shifts, transitioning out old equipment once the new equipment is built which should reduce the smell in the adjacent neighborhoods.

**Mohawk Park Project Update:** The project is moving along well. Concrete for the trails have been poured and tied into the existing trails. The parking entrance has been poured, but they are waiting for warmer temperatures, above 50 degrees to lay the asphalt. They have also poured the pavilion and restroom footers and seating retaining wall. Sands Construction's owner is on site every day and Terracon engineers are also present often, so reports and updates have been sent to Penn almost daily. There will be less construction in the coming weeks due to the shipping and manufacturing delays associated with the pavilion and restroom construction.

**Feasibility Study Update:** We received the complete recommendations from PROS. Laura and Penn put them in a format to make more sense and narrow down the 50 individual recommendations into a format that is more readable. After that is completed, Laura will share the final version back to PROS. A stakeholder meeting will be set up once PROS receives the formatted list and combines it with the complete analysis portions.

**Action Items and Planning:** November was relatively busy. Bids for epoxy flooring were presented to the Council. The lowest and most responsive bid was Apex for \$20,328 which is less than the \$60,000 budgeted. The original plan was to tear out tile and grout and replace with higher quality tile and grout. That did not fit in the allowed budget or with maintenance standards.

In the bids, one company offered to pour epoxy on top of the existing floor, but all the rest said that should not be done since the existing tile underneath could crack or move which would affect the epoxy later.

Mark asked when the planned installation date would be. It is projected for the last two weeks in December which coincides with the pool deck resealing project. The restroom by the pool will be accessible.

Sky lights were bid out in February 2022, and the bid proved too good to be true. Manufacturing delays and the rising costs associated with manufacturing meant that the project would need to be rebid. It has been rebid by three

different vendors with the lowest being \$44,830. At that cost, a Council member asked if the skylights should just be removed and the roof void replaced with roof decking. After consulting with roof specialists and engineers the steel supports, welding, and meeting necessary roof impact codes it was not a practical solution.

Mark noted that the skylights are a nice part of the natatorium and having them be replaced would be nice.

There is a RFQ posted which closes on Thursday, December 8 at 5PM. Hopefully bids will be reviewed in time for staff to present to Council on Wednesday, December 14. There has also been some inquiry regarding the language of the Joint Use Agreement with WaterOne at Waterworks Park that will be presented in December.

Staff is aiming for the feasibility study to be near complete by the end of December.

**Positive Improvements:** 5 new trees were planted, one of which is at Beverly Park. A roofing company was called to repair leaks over the north gym. The cost is \$1,000 for joints that are cracked to be repaired in the hopes of correcting the issue.

Spooky Walk had rave reviews; off-site parking options was a suggestion that Mission implemented and it was thought that it was useful and safe. Anne stated that parking for volunteers was not easy and some people were left at Streamway Park after the Spooky Walk ended so other volunteers assisted some in getting home.

RFQ out for Waterworks Park Final Design, so a heads up was given to some local landscape architect firms and engineering contractors.

Job interviews for the Facility and Maintenance Supervisor will be conducted. Invites were sent to 12 candidates out of 108 that applied.

**Volunteers Needed:** There is a long list of volunteer opportunities this season. The "Thanks for Seniors" program is this Thursday, 11/17. Servers and runners are needed for the program.

Holiday Family Adoption is this coming Monday, 11/21. Tables for the event will be set up Sunday afternoon, with all hands on deck on Monday at 7AM. This is the food portion of the Angel tree/gift distribution in December. Angel tree participants for this year are 103 families or roughly 450+ individuals. Donated presents will be arriving by Thursday, 12/15 for distribution on Tuesday, 12/20.

Friday, 12/2 is Holiday Lights and Festive Sights from 6-8PM. The Mayor's tree lighting will be at 6:15PM. There will be 8 stations and hot chocolate and s'mores with opportunities to connect with the community and neighbors.

The Pearl Harbor Commemoration will be hosted at the PCC on Wednesday, 12/7 at 11:52AM (videos highlighting the Pearl Harbor Memorial Park inception will begin at 11:30AM). There will be a professor from the General Staff College in Lawrence, KS at the event.

Do we want to meet for PRT in December? After some discussion the Meeting will be moved from 12/19 to 12/12 at 6PM.

**Championship Tree Application Review:** Due by the end of November. Please share the word with neighbors and friends about nominations. The review will start during our December PRT meeting. So far there have been 2 nominations.

**Anne asked for a motion to end the meeting. Mark motioned, Nicole seconded.**

**Motion unanimously carried 6-0**

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Faithfully submitted by Kim Weir, Mission Parks, Recreation + Tree Commission member.