

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 6TH, 2019 6:30PM

REC CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM

TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
CHAIR	Peter Billipp
SECRETARY	Nina Pilson
ATTENDEES	Members: Maryann Grahmann, Mary McCulloch, Scooter Lerner, Nina Pilson, Sami Morrison, Spyros Maragos, Brett Bingham, Steve Damiani, Tracy Larson Staff: Susan White Council Liaison: Mayor Pro Tem Mardi Turner
VISITORS	Alida Drewes

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Peter Billipp.
- II. **Approval of November 7 2018 Meeting Minutes:** Nina made a motion to approve with Sami seconding the motion. The minutes were approved.
- III. **Citizen Comments:** Alida Drewes present. She said hearing device does not work. Does not think that 125K is worth an extension of the West U Rec Center desk nor does it make sense that we can't afford a dog park. Alida doesn't understand why anyone doesn't listen to her concerns. The church shouldn't be allowed to buy property just to keep it empty. Also she doesn't understand why we can't find a space for a dog park.
- IV. **Council Update:** Mayor Pro Tem Turner present. Chris Peifer's last day was January 22. Dave Beech is our new City Manager, with many years of experience. Mayor's Breakfast went off well but turnout was not good due to cold weather. ATT issue is still ongoing... Kevin Boyle (former chair of Parks) will be replacing Wayne Franklin. Bob Higley has filed to run for mayor. John Barnes, Kevin Trautner, Eddie Sobash have filed for City Council for 5/4 election. Term limits for Turner on Council and Susan Sample as Mayor.
- V. **Staff Update: Susan White**
 1. **West U Recreation Center Safety and Customer Service Enhancements:** Friends approved funding for 1/9 mtg for up to 90K cost. We are already in the works to get design confirmed with contractors and architects. We need to start so they can prepare bid documents, once we receive bids, and then go before City Council (over for \$50K). Susan has asked for initial timeline, construction could begin as early as April. Good news is a lot of the fabrication can be done off-site, our goal is to remain open with front desk open and running the whole time.
 2. **Colonial Park Pool – Amenity Replacement/Programming Sub-Committee:** We are re-plastering pool in 2020 and a good time to do renovation on the pool and add features switch out old amenities. Looking at replacing green mushroom and the slide replacement and maybe doing a Wally Walrus feature. Several repairs on the slide so it may be time to replace. To purchase a new stair assembly is 30K so we could install a

new style slide for 95K so may be worth doing a full replacement. Next step is doing user group (a couple of members from friends, top users). By March mtg, we need to decide and move forward quickly because this time next year we will be doing repairs to prepare for the summer. Huge “thank you” to the Friends team for another amazing Park Lover’s Ball event.

VI. Parks Redevelopment Plan Discussion: By next meeting, we will have more direction on the park redevelopment because with Dave Beech coming on board we need to get everyone working on this project.

VII. Friends Update: Chair Sami Morrison: PLB was FAB! 425K gross but some of costs still coming in. Jose Altuve dinner went for 42K. Live auction did very well but smaller silent auction because of chairs’ focus. Fathers & Flashlights is tentatively 11/2-11/3 so trying to do it after some of big events... waiting to get confirmation from WUES. Donna LaMond really stepped up to help out this year along with Anna Stewart.

VIII. Park Ambassador Reports & Advisory Remarks:

- Colonial Park East (Jeffrey) – see saw horse is missing, we have a donor and ordered 2 Sally Salmons. One of trees is really leaning, and keeping it staked for 5-6 months. Safety fencing installed to protect children from the tethers.
- Colonial Park West (Maryann)
- Colonial Park Pool (Mary)
- Friends Pocket Park (Spyros) – South door is a little tight
- Huffington Park (Scooter)
- JEH Park (Tracy) – sidewalk is repaired and added curb (root barrier). Susan did a behind the scenes tour of Park, garden club suggested some interpretative signage. The landscaping will be completed by the end of this month. The grass needs to be treated kindly until May
- Judson Park (Nina)
- Recreation Center Playground (Steve). Leasing out courts to squash lessons, everyone leaves the gym at 9 p.m. but racquetball court users stay well past 9. Loud rap music was being played during an organized game and they were asked to turn down their music.
- Whitt Johnson (Brett) – been there a lot last month, double rim on the hoop may be hard and the basketball net is definitely more than 10’ tall.
- Wier Park (Sami) – The latch on the SE was broken again.

IX. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

