

MINUTES

MAY 1ST, 2019

6:30PM

REC CENTER – CONFERENCE ROOM

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

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Peter Billipp.
- II. **Approval of April 7th Meeting Minutes:** Peter made a motion to approve with Jeffrey seconding the motion. The minutes were approved.
- III. **Citizen Comments:** None
- IV. **Council Update:** Mardi said Saturday is the big day for electronics, shredding, mattresses and election day. This is Mardi’s last meeting and Council last mtg is 5/20. Mardi’s 4 years are over. She advised that we will have a representative from new Council at the next mtg. The Council will be John Barnes, Kevin Trautner, Lauri Langford, Ed Sobach and Bob Higley as Mayor. She also advised that if you vote, you are voting for Mayor Pro-Term.
- V. **Staff Update: Susan White**
 1. **Colonial Park Pool Water Feature User Group Feedback: Recommendation (and take any desired action):** We are looking to replace blue toddler slide and the rain cloud feature. The same manufacturer who does the lily pads can do a Walrus slide. Per user group input, it should ideally have no top enclosure and two lanes as it does currently. Also with the rain feature it should be multi user, no dumping or cannons, and will break up the running through. Honed in on Bobble #2. Susan is checking on the flow rate to make sure mechanics work with our systems. Also considering replacing the 4’ drop slide and replacing the stairs. We would do a twisty slide, covered with ~3’ drop. Initially, we were afraid the space won’t fit but it does fit and it’s the same company. The new slide adds about 4-5 seconds to your ride with the new slide and the translucent rings would be an added experience on the new slide. The estimates provided by the consultant for all three updates total 128K. The board recommended the water feature updates be presented to Friends for funding. This Saturday is members only at CPP and Sunday is officially open to the public.
 2. **Fee and Tennis Subcommittee:** Last year we did big updates on 2019 fee structure but decided on waiting a full year to assess. No fee changes recommended for 2020. Official tennis policy started Sept and things have been going well except for one complaint. If you are a Rec Center member you can add on tennis membership, use it 21 times and a nonmember has to use it 34 times to break even. This resident feels members should have more time to book time in advance (78 vs 72 hours). Staff recommends to leave it as it is for now.

3. **Wier Park Gates:** We are going to try something new. We will try to install the pool gates openings with top opening access. This will be our pilot and hope to have them installed by mid-May.

VI. Parks Redevelopment Program Update: Whitt Johnson update: Susan reviewed the layout and there is an issue with ADA access. We do not have ADA access for any of our 5-12 year old elevated playscapes. The treehouse play structure was installed in 2008 and needs to be updated. We need to add a transfer station to this structure. We will be discussing our climber element, and gaga ball. Spyros asked about the plaque removal on the gazebo and if it would be returned to the family. Susan said she already contacted the family to make arrangements. Susan reviewed the layout and explains how tight we are on space, especially considering fall zones. She also walked us through potential changes in 2-5 yr old area, moving the transfer station and this would affect fall area requirements if new equipment were added. The 2-5 year old area was updated in 2013, and staff recommends that it remain unchanged. Tracy agrees – too expensive for minimal addition. For 5-12 yr old area, changing the stairs and adding an ADA access on treehouse. Also adding a new feature – IKO medium sized spider web feature or Rev8 is another choice but this one moves so some mothers may not like this option. Swift Twist Spinner and Balance Challenge are also being added. Mary and Peter liked Rev8 especially the spinning part and it differs from the one at West U Elem.

Remove the gazebo and consider adding gaga ball. Some people play on asphalt or decomposed granite. We would keep decomposed granite for now, but investigate alternatives. One of biggest concerns is the noise level as this is in that corner closest to the houses. The Gaga ball pit can be relocated if it becomes problematic. Another option would be adding Hopscotch or 4 Square on the half courts when we resurface and re-stripe. Also looking to update our site furnishings – have 6 and would probably only adding 4 back so it opens up some space. The proposed dog drinking fountain would be off the sidewalk outside the fence. Susan reviews the user group comments – mainly relook at basketball (courts and net heights) and Public Works is accessing the request for a stop sign - Wakeforest at Carnegie. Everyone agrees with removing gazebo. If we did everything on this list, it would be 155K. We will be going to Friends, hopefully getting a recommendation for approval. Then we will go on informational web page on 5/2 and then go to Friends on 5/8 and then present to City Council as early as 5/20. We could potentially start after Labor Day and reopen in Oct.

The board recommended the following features be brought forth to Friends for funding consideration.

- 5-12 yr old areas - Rev 8 Climber, Swift Twist Spinner, Balance Beam and Pods and new ADA transition on treehouse
- Gaga Ball
- Artificial turf over all play areas, except gaga ball/picnic zone.
- Basketball – resurface and add multi-use lines
- No doggie drinking fountain
- Existing structures get painted along with fence and re-sod

VII. Friends Update: Chair Sami Morrison: Sami said Star Citizens awards coming up this Wed. the PLB Chairs will be honored. 11/2-11/3 will be Fathers and Flashlights. Looking for new ideas or activities if anyone has ideas or fun things they have done at other galas. PLB Ball is 2/8 at Hilton Americas (Medieval Night to Remember). On 5/7 Tues, the new chairs have a drop in tea if interesting in volunteering.

VIII. Park Ambassador Reports & Advisory Remarks:

- Colonial Park East (Jeffrey)
- Colonial Park West (Maryann)
- Colonial Park Pool – not open yet
- Friends Pocket Park (Spyros)
- Huffington Park (Scooter Lerner) – entry sign on east side is loosened.
- JEH Park (Tracy) – a lot of panels down, and one of lights from bad storm
- Judson Park (Nina)
- Recreation Center Playground (Steve)
- Whitt Johnson (Brett)
- Wier Park (Sami) – gate issue. Sami said there was a toddler that almost ran out and got hit by a car.

IX. New Business: Our terms end in August and Susan asked that we consider running again.

X. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.