

TYPE OF MEETING	Monthly Meeting
CHAIR	Peter Billipp
SECRETARY	Mary McCulloch
ATTENDEES	<p>Members: Will Bertron, Peter Billipp, Brett Bingham, Jeff Chen, Maryann Grahmann, Mary McCulloch, Nina Pilson, Laura Turley, Mardi Turner</p> <p>Absent: Sami Morrison, Lindsey Swiger</p> <p>Council: Mayor Pro Tem Trautner</p> <p>Staff: Susan White</p>
VISITORS	Michele Nezi Marvin, West U Halloween Dash, Race Director

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Peter Billipp.
- II. **Approval of September 4th Meeting Minutes:** Nina Pilson made a motion to approve with Laura Turley seconding the motion. The minutes were approved.
- III. **West U Halloween Dash and Kids' Fun Run: Michele Marvin**
Fundraiser information by Michele. Overview of history. Approached city and it became a partnership event. About 1000 runners split between. October 26th @ 8am. Awards for 5K and kids fun run. \$35-40k annually. Some money will go to the stretch room in the rec center and new lounge chairs for rec center as well. Last year went to recycling trash cans. Bullet proof vests were purchased in the past. Costume contest and lead athletes and families too. Need volunteers for traffic control help at corners, packet pickups and day of the race.
- IV. **Citizen Comments:** No citizens present.
- V. **Election of Officers:** Peter Billipp made a motion for Brett Bingham to be Vice Chair and Mary McCulloch to be Secretary. Second motion by Maryann Grahmann.
- VI. **Friends Update:** Mardi Turner gave an update on behalf of Friends. Susan discussed approval of upgrades to Colonial Park Pool at the Friends meeting. Tot slide elimination proposed to alleviate the increased cost, but Friends were willing to cover it since there is a healthy fund balance.
- VII. **Council Update:** Kevin Trautner, Mayor Pro Tem, gave a summary update of recent city council actions and current city issues that the city is working on including drainage, tax rate, 2020 budget, and an upcoming workshop on bees.
- VIII. **Staff Update: Susan White**
 1. **Masterplan:** September 9th there was a meeting with council to go over park land acquisition. Master plan didn't note the SPARK parks at West U Elementary with access via pedestrian bridges. Signaled crosswalks at Buffalo Speedway provide safe crossing to Weir park. So discussed looking to place a new park in the area between Edloe & Buffalo Speedway, north of University. Result of meeting was to focus on adding more open space to existing parks like Huffington and exploring ways to . Bioswales didn't make sense in the JEH park because it wasn't big enough.
 2. **Surveys:** Doing a city-wide survey for Seniors and entire community. Main focus would be to help make West U a livable community for residents to age in their homes.

At Dec. 4th parks board meeting we will have Dr. Walker come to go over the survey and get the process started. Survey goal to be done in 1st quarter of 2020. Plan to have focus groups for more community involvement.

3. **Colonial Park East:** Elements for updates to the park include wooden play structures from 2000 that are aging and require lots of maintenance. Looking at sand volley ball court to evaluate best utilization for that area. Having the survey back will help when looking at what is desirable for use of existing park space.
4. **Colonial Park West:** Nina Pilson asked if this was not open for use. Susan explained that it is open for use. There will be a banner on the fence soon advertising the space rental.
5. **Colonial Park Pool:** Has to be completed and ready to go for 10-year anniversary opening in May 2020!
6. **Whitt Johnson Park:** Most of painting has been redone. New equipment is there. Basketball court is still there. Tentatively planning to re-open the park on October 30th. A little behind schedule because of tropical storm for both delay of installation and need to wait for ground to dry out.

IX. Park Ambassador Assignments:

- Colonial Park East (Will)
- Colonial Park West (Nina)
- Colonial Park Pool (Mary)
- Friends Pocket Park (Sami)
- Huffington Park (Maryann)
- JEH Park (Laura)
- Judson Park (Jeff)
- Recreation Center Playground (Mardi)
- Whitt Johnson (Brett)
- Wier Park (Lindsey)

X. Old/New Business:

Peter commented about “Christmas tree” getting a trim soon and potential for replacing that with something else. Mardi Turner mentioned that the Colonial Park gazebo should be considered for improvement. Susan White said the broken seesaw will be removed since features in the same area will be reevaluated with the park updates in 2020. Mary McCulloch inquired about Tri-Sports and field use. Mayor Pro Tem Trautner provided an update on the current status regarding the budget and MOU.

XI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019.