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ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

March 12, 2025
4:00 PM
Joplin Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st Street
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Paul Teverow, Greg Matzer, Dustin Parker, Brad McIntyre, Mariah Kraft, and Michael Gilpin were present.
ABSENT:	Greg McConnell
GUESTS:	Paul Bloomberg, Director Greg Bertoncino, Assistant Director Caleb Churchwell, Park Ranger
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Brad McIntyre called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Dustin Parker made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Mariah Kraft.
OLD BUSINESS:	Paul told the board that the DORA groundbreaking went well. There was about 100 people that showed up. The park is now closed to the public due to them starting to work on the trails. The grand opening will be in Spring of 2026. They will also be working on a DORA destination web site. Paul mentioned that the Ewert Splash Park is moving along. Branco will advertise for bids April 28th. They will take it to City Council for approval on June 16th and start Construction in July. The completing date is Spring of 2026. He also told the board that the Museum HVAC project is moving along and should be completed by Mid-May. Paul stated that we received the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant Award and

will be making upgrades to Parr Hill Park. We will be getting new fitness equipment along the walking trail, overlay the basketball court, and three new playgrounds. The project will start the end of this year 2025.

NEW BUSINESS:

He said that we also got the Recreation Trails Grant which will allow us to get 80 park benches, tire fix it station, bike racks, and a Trail/Park Way Finding Signs. You will start seeing these things in the fall of 2025.

Paul introduced the new Park Ranger Caleb Churchwell to the board. He also handed out the Park Ranger reports. (Attached) He let the board know that park restrooms are being opened this week. He also reminded them that if anyone is wanting electric at the shelters, they will need to pay for a shelter rental. The Rangers will turn this on/off when a reservation is made.

Paul told the board that the Boomtown Outdoor Family Game Area at Cunningham Park is completed. You can either provide your own supplies for the games or you can check them out at the Joplin Library.

He said that the Tin Cup Trail will be completed early summer 2025.

He updated the board on the Grand Falls Trail. He mentioned that they are working on a design with Olssen Associates. They are looking at having a 40-car parking lot, trail, and overlook in this project.

Paul let the board know that the Story Walk at Leonard Park will now have a new story each season. Thanks to One Joplin. This will keep the Story Walk more interesting since it will change each season.

We have also been working on getting locations of where lighting and cameras need to go in nine of our parks. These nine parks will all be getting cameras and lighting. Garvin, Landreth, Cunningham, DORA, Parr Hill, Humphery, Ewert, Grand Falls, and Mercy.

Paul stated that we have received a donation from a gentleman that would like to see new workout equipment along the trails in Landreth Park. We are working on getting this equipment ordered now.

MONTHLY REPORTS: Paul handed out the Recreation reports for the board to review. (Attached)

ADJOURNEMENT: Dustin Parker made a motion to adjourn, second by Paul Teverow.

Nakia Endicott, Accounting Specialist

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