Approved

JOPLIN
PARKS & RECREATION

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

May 10, 2023
5:00 PM
Joplin Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st Street
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Brad McIntyre, Kreg Selvey, Chalise Cooper, Dustin Parker, Paul Teverow, Greg McConnell, were present.
ABSENT:	Greg Matzer
GUESTS:	Paul Bloomberg, Director Greg Bertoncino, Assistant Director Christina Williams, City Council Liaison Barbara Headlee, Rotary Sculpture Kat, Leadership Joplin
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Paul Teverow called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Brad McIntyre made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Dustin Parker.
OLD BUSINESS:	Paul told the board they had their third meeting about the Museum Strategic Plan Study. They discussed some short-term and long-term goals. They have not set a date for the next meeting currently. He mentioned that the Park Rangers are doing a great job. They are finding vandalism and maintenance issues. They are also locking bathrooms at the parks in the evenings. We have had issues at Ewert Park, so we have locked the bathrooms and shut the power off permanently. However, if someone rents the shelter, we will turn the power and unlock the bathrooms for their event. This has really helped cut down on the issues we were having. The Park Rangers do keep a daily report they turn in to Paul or Greg.

Paul said the Earth and Arbor Day was a great turn out. We will just continue to hopefully grow that event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara Hicklin presented two new sculptures to the board. (Attached) Dustin made a motion to move forward with statues, 2nd by Brad. All yea.

Kat DeGraff with Leadership Joplin present a new Sound Garden. (Attached) This will be at Landreth Park on the South side playground. The board thought this was a wonderful idea and we have nothing like it in Joplin.

He stated that at this time we have six certified lifeguards. Last year at this time we had twenty-five. (Attached) Paul told the board that to be able to open both Cunningham and Schifferdecker Pools we need ninety lifeguards. So, we will not be able to open Cunningham Pool this year. We are focusing on trying to get sixty lifeguards to open Schifferdecker. If we can at least get thirty lifeguards, we can open the main pool at Schifferdecker. We have also been in touch with two swim teams that use our pool. We are working with the swim teams to get some of their swimmers to go through the American Red Cross training that we offer. This way they would have their own guards on staff during their practices. We would only need to staff a pool manager. Dustin asked Paul what the pool hours are. Paul mentioned that pools are used from 7:30am-9pm with pool swim teams using it. The pool is open to the public 1:00pm-6:00pm. Paul mentioned that we have went to several job fairs, posted on social media, Facebook, and got information out to the Joplin Schools. He told the board that CJ and Webb City School Districts will not allow us to recruit in their schools. He also mentioned that the pay raise goes back for the 2nd reading on May 15th and hopefully that passes. We pay lifeguards $11.58 which is step 3 on our pay scale right now. If the new pay plan passes, they will get moved up to $13.68.

Paul told the board that the Fourth of July Celebration will be held at MSSU again. The Fireworks and Mixed Tapes Band are already booked for the event.

He also told the board that the first phase of the Tin Cup Trail should be done by October. This trail should end at Glendale.

He stated that the Grand Falls Trail is also in the works, and they have spoken to the landowner about the parking lot on his property. Paul mentioned that Dan Johnson with Public Works is the one in charge of this project. This will be a 10ft wide concrete trail.

Paul said Leslie has been working on the DORA Trail Grant. She is working with the state on all the deadline and requirements. We plan to advertise the RFQ in 2024 budget year. This will be the trail that connects Dover and Zora.

He said we are also working on getting new entrance signs at four of our parks. We will be doing two signs at Schifferdecker, McIndoe, Wildcat, and McClelland Parks. This is part of the Parks Beautification, and these signs need updated.

Paul mentioned that the RFQ for the Ewert Splash Park will be advertised in May-June, and we are hoping to select the firm in July. The RFQ will include alternatives for the other projects that will be going into Ewert Park such as the lights, cameras, amphitheater, interpretive signage, covered multi-sports court, etc.

He let the board know that we have offered the Golf Pro position to a guy, but he is waiting on the May 15th Council meeting to see what will happen with the pay scale. We have also posted the position for the Recreation Coordinator but if the pay raise does get approved, we will rerun the Recreation Coordinator job. We still have several open full-time positions open in the Parks and Recreation department.

Paul told the board that we are in the process of trying to get some Grants right now. We are working on the Missouri DNR Scrap Tire Grant which is 40% recycled tires. The deadline for this is June 19th.

We are also working on the MDC Conservation Outdoor Recreation Grant. Public Works is overseeing this project. He mentioned that a two-stall restroom is anywhere between $250,000 - $300,000.

He hasn't heard any updates on the LWCF Grant currently. Once Paul gets an update, he will let the board know.

He said we are finishing up the MDC Community Forestry Cost-Share Grant. This is a 90% cost share

for tree assessment and tree inventory. We will apply to continue working on this project.

Paul told the board that the Spiva Park MOU will go to City Council for the second reading on May 15th.

He also said the Hope Park MOU will be moving forward. He reminded the board about this MOU because it was presented in 2017 by the East Town Dream District. They will be putting a playground, shelter, basketball court, and flower beds in the Joe Becker grass area. They will fund the equipment, but the park department will do all the maintenance work such as mowing.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Paul Bloomberg handed out the Recreation reports for the board to review. (Attached)

ADJOURNEMENT:

Dustin Parker made a motion to adjourn, second by Brad McIntyre.

Nakia Endicott, Accounting Specialist

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Park Board Recreation Update (Athletics)
May 8, 2023

Sports

Current:

- **Spring Youth Soccer**
  - 630 participants
- **Adult Soccer**
  - 13 Teams total

Upcoming:

- **Little Hitters T-Ball**
  - Begins June 8th
  - 68 participants

- **Youth T-Ball**
  - Currently taking registration for 6U T-Ball
  - Begins June 6th

  - **Summer Adult Softball**
  - Currently taking registration for Men's and Co-Ed Softball
  - Begins May 15th

  - **Summer Adult Soccer**
  - Currently taking registration for Competitive and Recreational Adult Soccer
  - Games begin May 17th

- **Youth Lacrosse Camp**
  - Currently taking registration for an introductory camp that begins in June

Aquatics

- Lifeguard Trainings are scheduled at Webb City High School
  - April 14-15 2 lifeguards (completed)
  - May 5-6 4 lifeguard (completed)
  - May 12-13 11 lifeguards registered.
  - May 19-20 8 lifeguards registered
  - June 2-3 0 registered
  - June 9-10 0 registered
- Pool Cashiers
  - 15 going through the hiring process.

Museum Notes for Park Advisory Board 05-10-2023

Past events

1. Hosted Daddy Daughter Date Night dance. 270 participants for the event.
2. Finally filled Museum Assistant position. New hire Will Russel started work on April 19.
3. Lego Landmark build has ended. All teams have work on exhibit at Spiva Art gallery. Both museum hosted teams did amazing work.
4. Joplin Historical Society's Evening with Gabby Street program was very successful. Over 60 attendees, and staff is still getting positive comments regarding event.
5. First block of Parks and recreation Line dancing wrapping up Monday, April 4. Group Has requested to extend program additional six weeks starting May 8.
6. The historical Society hosted a plant swap on April 1. The event was well received with 18 vendors and over 227 attending the three-hour show.
7. Museum hosted meetings for, Tri-State Gem & Mineral Society, Rader Farm group, Joplin Historical Society, and Lego Landmark Build teams.
8. Worked with downtown group and provided images that are temporarily on display as murals across from the north doors of City Hall.

Current projects

1. Strategic Plan. As of this meeting there is no additional information. I have reached out to PGAV for an update. PGAV held a video meeting to update stakeholders. I am currently collecting comments and questions to submit to then prior to their presentation to council in June.
2. South wall murals. Baxter springs high school volunteers primed the brick wall on April 19. Carl Junction high school volunteers will gather on April 29, to begin the painting of the two murals. This team will also be painting the two front benches with the wildflowers that make up the main murals. This project is part of the Museum's Prairie reclamation project. The south wall mural is complete as of May 1st, the benches are ongoing.
3. Due to the Prairie Project, Christine has been nominated for the NAPPC Pollinator Partnership Spotlight by the Chert Glades Master Naturalists.
4. Upgrade of the mineral cases continues. It is an involved process with painting, cataloging, and rewriting the labels into English.
5. Kelly Reddin, a JHS board member is working on upgrading the upstairs' exhibit on mineral uses. Repaint, reorganize, and refine the display. She is personally paying for items needed for this project, as well as providing all the labor.
6. QR codes are being places in the central milling exhibit. These codes will allow visitors to follow a link with their phone to get an audio file explaining each of the steps in the milling process.
7. Historical society plant swap raised $114.00 at the plant swap to assist in the Prairie reclamation project. Christine has purchased 8 bushes from the Missouri Wildflower Nursery, and the nursery will donate 10 additional bushes to the project.
8. The museum and the Historical Society hosted an educational booth at the April 22, Earth Day event in Wildcat Park. Great participation, the kids really enjoyed the fossil dig.
9. Historical Society used the Corley grant to purchase two touchscreen video kiosks for the museum.

Upcoming Projects

1. Museum has submitted grant to the Lemons' trust. We are asking for funding to develop and install a temporary exhibit on wildlife habitats. Additional information provided.
    a. We build and print content.
    b. Talked with Paul briefly about hosting sections of the exhibit in various Joplin parks.
    c. Two-year license to display/build, extensions available.
    d. Can add content directly related to our area.
    e. Possibility of sponsorship for each site.
2. Iris Society Driving Tour
3. Spring Rock Show
4. Lego Summer Camps, June 26-39, and July 24-28.
5. Summer Train Show in July
6. Scottish Rite Cathedral 100 anniversary in July. Museum is providing historical fashion display for the event.

Visitation reports

	March	April	May (1-9th)	**TOTALS**
Admission Count (paid & free)	595	514	81	**1,190**
Admission Fees	$1,746.00	$1,113.00	$315.00	**$3,174.00**
Donations	$21.00	$25.00 JHS	$10.00 JHS	**$56.00**
Gift Shop Sales	$1,598	$942.00	$418.00	**$2,958.00**
			TOTAL INCOME	**$6,188.00**

