Approved

ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

September 10, 2025
4:00 PM
Joplin Athletic Complex
3301 West 1st Street
Joplin, MO 64801

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Brad McIntyre, Dustin Parker, Mariah Kraft, Drew Roy, Heather Ogden and Michael Gilpin were present.
ABSENT:	Greg Matzer
GUESTS:	Paul Bloomberg, Director Charles Copple, Liaison
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:	Brad McIntyre called the regular meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Michael Gilpin made a motion to approve the minutes with a second by Dustin Parker.
OLD BUSINESS:	Paul mentioned to the board that the DORA project is going well. Paul handed out the new branding logo. (Attached) The name chosen for the project is Momentum Bike Park. They are working on an RFP for the Website that will eventually tie to the city's website. They are working on the parking lot right now and it should be completed in November. We are hoping to have a soft opening in January 2026. He said that Ewert Splash Park is moving along. He will be going to City Council on September 15 to present the construction of the project. He also let the board know that we bid the playground out separately. The plan is to have the park open by August 2026. Paul stated that we are waiting for final approval for the Recreation Trails Grant Project. Once this is approved the RFP's will go out. This will allow us to

get 80 park benches, tire fix it stations, bike racks, and Trail/Park Way finding Signs. We will also do some of the work in-house. You will start seeing these things in the fall of 2025.

Paul also told the board that the Boom Town sign has been installed at Cunningham. The maintenance crew have been working on the Sand Volleyball Courts. They have placed the turf around it and have started receiving the sand for it this week. We will also be putting a fence around the sand volleyball and the basketball courts.

He mentioned that the Tin Cup Trail is now open. We are still on hold with the bridge due to waiting on the cables needed for the bridge. They will also be striping the trail soon. The project has to be completed by December 2026.

Paul updated the board on the Grand Falls Trail. He mentioned that there will be an overlook landscape area that you can stand and look into the falls, restrooms and a bus loading/unloading area. We are also looking at having a 40-car parking lot. There will be an RFP going out soon for the trail.

The RFP has been opened for Security Lighting. We had four companies bid on the project and these are still being reviewed. The RFP for cameras will go out next week. These nine parks will all be getting cameras and lighting. Garvin, Landreth, Cunningham, DORA, Parr Hill, Humphery, Ewert, Grand Falls, and Mercy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Paul stated that he is working on the MDC Cost Share Grant. This will be used between our Cemeteries and Parks. We will be able to have our On-Call Arborist inventory all four cemeteries, update the software, cut down all the dead trees, prune and plant new trees in the cemeteries and parks.

He let the board know that we are working on an RFP for a new Recreation Software. This will also us to have mobile access and it will also integrate with the city website.

Other:

Brad handed out pictures of examples of Wind Phones. (Attached) Brad told the board that Lana Hill reached out to him about getting a Wind Phone at Cunningham Park near the butterfly garden area. There would also be signage attached to the phone explain the purpose of the wind phone. Paul

suggested maybe doing one in Cunningham and two on a trail. Brad made the motion to move forward with the placement of three wind phones and eventually adding more, 2nd by Heather Ogden, all yea.

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

ADJOURNEMENT: Dustin Parker made a motion to adjourn, second by Heather Odgen.

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