

**RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES SYNOPSIS**

February 9, 2022 – 8:30 a.m.

Jerry Hammond Building, 1111 E. Broad St., 43205

Video web meeting link:

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Meeting ID: 2309 471 0268

Phone #: 650-479-3207, Conference Code: 2309 471 0268

Call to Order

8:32 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recited

Present

Commissioners: Jennifer Adair, Derrick Clay, Gregg Dodd, Alvis Moore, Letha Pugh, Karla Rothan (*virtual*), and Terrie TerMeer

Absent Commissioners: Jamie Wilson

Staff: Attendance not taken

Guest(s): Attendance not taken

Previous Board Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Commissioner Adair and seconded by Commissioner TerMeer the January meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Remarks from ProTem Elizabeth Brown's Office

- Review and breakdown of the 2022 \$11.2M amendment to the Operating Budget that was adopted on February 8th
- Budget Press Conference is on YouTube for viewing
- Requests for ideas on how to share budget information with residents

B. Remarks from Chief of Staff's Office, Kenneth Paul – *No Updates*

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

1. **Ord #0385-2022 (Davey Street Tree Contract Modification #3)**

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to modify an existing contract with Davey Resource Group, Inc. to continue street tree assessment services as part of the Urban Forestry Master Plan; to authorize the expenditure of \$300,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$300,000.00)

- Commissioner Clay raised the question about this being the third modification
- Deputy Director Rakosky explained that once the UFMP was completed that the scope and number of trees had changed and the Davey Resource Group, Inc. has been the contractor from the beginning of the process

2. **Ord #0386-2022 (2022 Gym Floor Refinishing Program)**

Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Floor Care Concepts for the 2022 Gym Floor Refinishing Program and to authorize an expenditure of \$70,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285; and to declare an emergency. (\$70,000.00)

- Twelve community centers and two athletic complexes will be screened in 2022
- The other five athletic complexes will be screened in 2023
- All gymnasium, dance floors and stages are screened annually

3. **Ord #0388-2022 (Alum Creek Trail – Johnstown Road East Side Connector)**

Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to modify an existing contract with CTL Engineering Inc. (ord. 0918-2020) to provide Professional Construction Management and Inspection services associated with Alum Creek Trail – Johnstown Road East Side Connector Project; to authorize an expenditure of \$56,400.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$56,400.00)

4. **Ord #0389-2022 (Clean Ohio Conservation Fund: Franklinton Greenspace and Big Walnut South Protection)**

Title: To authorize and direct the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to apply for grant funding to acquire properties for preservation of the City's natural resources; and to declare an emergency.

5. **Ord #0390-2022 (Glenwood Park – Natural Area Improvement Project)**

Title: To authorize and direct the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Resource International to provide Professional Engineering services for the Glenwood Park Natural Area Improvement; to authorize an expenditure of \$92,080.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$92,080.00)

On a motion made by Commissioner Dodd and seconded by Commissioner Adair the Commission unanimously approved the Administration Agenda.

PARKS OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE AGENDA

6. Ord #0164-2022 (KNS Surveillance Maintenance)

Title: To authorize and direct the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with KNS Services Inc. for parts and labor for the inspection and maintenance and repair of the department's surveillance camera systems; to authorize an expenditure of \$120,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code; and to declare an emergency. (\$120,000.00)

On a motion made by Commissioner Adair and seconded by Commissioner Moore the Commission unanimously approved the Parks Operations & Maintenance Agenda.

YOUTH & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

7. Ord #0250-2022 (Columbus Urban League - NVI 2022)

Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Columbus Urban League for services related to the implementation of the 2022 Neighborhood Violence Intervention Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$329,500.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code; and to declare an emergency. (\$329,500.00)

- Commissioner Pugh asked about the length and scope of the contract and was it effective
- Assistant Director Brandon explained the present and current state of the scope of the contract and the APPS model. This program is currently active in schools, Eaton Town center and with department interventionist and it is the same model of training. Work with Commissioner Adair Dodd, and Pugh on what services we can provide as far as interventionist.
- Commissioner Adair and Dodd asked about possible collaboration with the schools and libraries since APPS has come up with a good foundation for training
 - There will be an NVI subcommittee created
- Commissioner Clay wanted clarification on why the bidding process was being waived on these contracts

8. Ord #0260-2022 (Community for New Direction - NVI 2022)

Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Community for New Direction for services related to the implementation of the 2022 Neighborhood Violence Intervention Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$329,500.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of Chapter 329 of the Columbus City Code; and to declare an emergency. (\$329,500.00)

9. Ord #0151-2022 (ODE Grant for 2022 Summer Food Program and CCS)

Title: To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept a grant from the Ohio Department of Education in the amount of \$2,500,000.00 for the 2022 Summer Food

Program; to authorize the appropriation of \$2,500,000.00 to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 2283; to enter into an agreement with Columbus City Schools in the amount of \$2,300,000.00 for the preparation and delivery of meals for the Summer Food Program; and to authorize the expenditure of \$2,300,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 2283. (\$2,500,000.00)

On a motion made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Pugh the Commission unanimously approved the Youth & Family Development Agenda.

- Commissioner Rothan (virtual) abstained from Item #7
- Commissioner Adair abstained from Item #9

Department and Project Updates

- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training update
 - ODI/Utilization Report
 - CRPD improved by 2% in 2020, the numbers for 2021 have not been published.
 - Suzy Johnson asked the Commissioners for any suggestions on increasing numbers
 - Commissioner Clay set 20% utilization as the goal for 2022
 - Commissioner Adair would like to partner with the department to work on developing CTE programs and working with our workforce development program.
 - Training with Trinity
 - The Commission will participate in training on March 3rd

CRP Foundation Updates

- Board recently met (meetings are bi-monthly)
- Update on the Roll & Stroll Fundraiser
 - Sponsorship packages have been put together; please send the committee any sponsorship leads to ensure participation of the event

Director's Comments

- COAAA vaccine mandate; staff members do not have to get vaccinated
- Annual Report will be presented next month
- Carryover Funds of 3.9 million in equipment for parks, sports, golf and forestry
- Had to opportunity to visit warming centers on Friday and maintenance personnel on Thursday to say thank you for their working during the inclement weather.
- Summer Camp registration
 - Outdoor registration is February 24, March 1st Therapeutic at 3pm and all other camps at 7pm
- P.L.A.Y. Golf Outing is June 17th
- Rosalie Hendon is being nominated for Columbus Business First award *40 Under 40*
- OPRA Conference – Columbus Recreation & Parks received an award for the Linden Community Center project, in the category of 2.5 million and over

Commission Comments

- Commissioner Clay read a brief list of Kathy Espy's successes while serving on the Recreation & Parks Commission, followed by a moment of silence.
- The Commission would like to have a retreat to review the departments playbooks, MBE process and Interventionist program
- President Clay also wanted an update as to the resolution for Bettye Stull

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

9:58a – February Commission Meeting adjourned