

**RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES SYNOPSIS
November 10, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.
Linden Community Center, 1254 Briarwood Ave., 43211
Video web meeting link:
<https://cocmeetings.webex.com/cocmeetings/j.php?MTID=ma9f018efcb0f5815de450c0ca9dcfd32>
Meeting ID: 160 532 2219
Phone #: 650-479-3207, Conference Code: 160 532 2219**

Call to Order

8:36 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Recited

Present

Commissioners: Derrick Clay, Gregg Dodd, Alvis Moore, Letha Pugh, Terrie TerMeer, and Karla Rothan

Staff: Attendance not taken

Guest(s): Attendance not taken

Previous Board Meeting Minutes

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

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Remarks from ProTem Elizabeth Brown's Office

- ProTem Brown thanks the Department for all their hard work and the services they've provided to residents during this pandemic
- Capital Budget
- Consolidated Action Plan
- American Rescue funding requests

B. Remarks from Chief of Staff's Office, Kenneth Paul

- Capital and Operating Budget update
- Safety staffing update
- Alternative Crisis Response initiative
- Community Centers hour extension

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Ord #2608--2021 (COAAA - FY2022 Title III Provider Contracts)

Title: To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contracts with 28 community agencies to provide social and nutrition services to older adults in Central Ohio during 2022; to authorize the expenditure of \$7,710,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$7,710,000.00)

On a motion made by Commissioner Rothan and seconded by Commissioner TerMeer the Commission unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Pugh abstained.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

2. Ord #2310--2021 (Golf Course Pesticides)

Title: To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into contract with Harrell's, LLC for the purchase of Golf Course pesticides for the Recreation and Parks Department; to waive the formal competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code 329; to authorize the expenditure of \$168,480.40 for the purchase of golf turf pesticides from the Recreation and Parks Operating fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$168,480.40)

3. Ord #2929--2021 (Linden Early Childhood Development Playground Improvements – Contract Modification)

Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to modify an existing contract with Playworld Midstates (ord. 2053-2020) to provide construction services associated with the CDBG Linden School Park Playground Improvements 2020; to authorize an expenditure of \$30,000 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency.

4. Ord #2930--2021 (Tuttle Park Lower Field Improvements)

Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to modify an existing contract with R.W. Setterlin Building Company (ord.0596-2021) to provide construction services associated with Tuttle Park Lower Field Improvements and to authorize an expenditure of \$105,000.00 from the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund and the voted Recreation and Parks voted bond fund; and to authorize an expenditure of \$17,114.00 from the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund for interdepartmental inspections and fees; and to declare an emergency.

5. Ord #2931--2021 (Greenways Trail Connections 2019)

Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to modify an existing contract with Environmental Design Group, LLC (EDG) (ord. 1261-2019) to provide professional engineering services associated with Greenways Trail Connections 2019; to authorize an expenditure of \$8,866.84 from the Urban Infrastructure Recovery Fund; and to declare an emergency.

6. Ord #2955--2021 (Sawyer Center Sub-lease)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into a sub-lease agreement with Community for New Direction Inc. to occupy, provide services, and manage the first and half of the second floor of the Sawyer Recreation Center, located at 1000 Atcheson St., Columbus, Ohio 43204; and to declare an emergency.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moore and seconded by Commissioner Rothan the Commission unanimously approved the Administration Agenda.

Department and Project Updates

- CRPD Quarterly Utilization Report presented

CRP Foundation Updates

- Working with Development on *Adopt-A-Center*
- 2022 Fall Fundraiser “Columbus Roll & Stroll”
- \$50,000 raised towards Livingston Park

Division Updates

- COAAA
 - Pending arrival of Booth Funds through the Older Americans Act
 - PASSPORT Administration Funding update
 - Quarterly legislative meetings
 - Staffing issues
 - Vaccination mandates
- Community Relations, Kerry Francis
 - Newsletter update
 - Summer camp preparations and promotions
 - Volunteer Appreciation event on November 18th
 - \$25,000 donation to renovate basketball court
 - *Adopt-A-Center* update
 - Meals being provided during the holiday season
- Parks Maintenance & Operations, Assistant Director Troy Euton
 - Extended search for new City Forester
 - Update on staffing issues
- Recreation & Program Services, Recreation Services Coordinator, Bryana Ross
 - American Red Cross is using Feddersen Community Center as a shelter
 - Focus groups on how to better serve the community
 - Wellness Week update
 - Staffing hires and postings
- Youth & Family Development, Assistant Director Eric Brandon
 - Mobilizing and preparing for emergency service for residents
 - Update on intervention services
 - Update on youth staffing and hiring

Director’s Comments

- Capital Improvement Award received for Linden Community Center

- DE&I Training update
- Capital & Operating budget update
- American Red Cross at Feddersen Community Center
- Staffing and funding issues

Commission Comments

None

Public Comments

None

Executive Session

10:04 – The Recreation & Parks Commission went into an Executive Session. Video recording was stopped.

Adjournment

10:48a – Executive Session over and October Commission Meeting adjourned