

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES SYNOPSIS
April 13, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.
Glenwood Community Center
1888 Fairmont Ave., Columbus, OH 43223

Call to Order

8:42 a.m.

Facility Tour

Mr. James Davis, Center Manager, took the Commissioners and staff on a tour of the newly built Glenwood Community Center.

Present

Commissioners: Jeff McNealey, Michael S. Brown, Dave Paul, Karla Rothan, & Mataryun Wright

Staff: Tony Collins, Steve Aumiller, Eric Brandon, Brandi Braun, Stephanie Brock, Ralonda Hampton, Terri Leist, Mollie O'Donnell and Councilmember Jaiza Page

Guests: Robert Grinch and Bob Harmon

Previous Board Meeting minutes

Commissioner McNealey suggested that page numbers be added to the Commission Minutes. The acceptance of the minutes was not voted on due not having a quorum.

Old Business

- Commissioner McNealey presented Barry Pickett an award for his service on the Recreation & Parks Commission. Mr. Pickett served from 2006-2016.

New Business

- Councilman Page greeted the Commission and thanked the department again for their hard work and the successful opening of the new center and the ones to come.
- Director Collins is doing a presentation which reviews the 2015 year and the plans and goals for 2016 in the Recreation & Parks Department.
 - 66 million dollars in economic impact in sports tourism
 - 77 thousand volunteer hours contributing to our efforts
 - 9 million dollars in earned revenue to help sustain
 - 8 million dollars in grants received
 - Parks updated, trails connected, facilities renovated.
 - 100,000+ program participants
 - Over 400,000 attending our own special events
 - Over 700,000 meals served to the children of Columbus.
- The Recreation and Parks Department should impact Columbus through conservation, health and wellness, and social equity.

- The citizens of Columbus created our vision through the 2014 Master Plan that has been adopted and championed by the Commission. More than 1,300 citizens participated in the planning process that set objectives around three major areas
 - Parks and Facilities
 - Community Centers and Programming
 - Organizational Development
- Our city initiatives include:
 - Addressing our infant mortality rate
 - Early childhood education
 - Community policing
 - Investing in our neighborhoods
 - Providing equal opportunity
 - Workforce Development
 - Small Business Development
- Our Citizens expect
 - Smart growth
 - Financial Sustainability
 - Communications
 - Organization Development
 - Excellence in program and service delivery
- Commissioner Paul – Where did we not meet the gap in 2015?
- Director Collins – Across the board; extra steps need to be taken. Staff has said that we need to slow down in order to analyze; not pin pointing one area.
- Commissioner McNealey – Will the information/stats from this presentation be compiled and given to the media/public?
- Director Collins – This presentation will be broken down into to four separate presentations by division; each presented differently and deeper in depth. There will be a similar presentation like today done at the All Staff Meeting on April 21st.
- Commissioner Paul – Are we able to come to the meeting?
- Director Collins presented the 2016 goals.
 - Asset Inventory and Assessment
 - Core Programs and Service Assessment
 - Levels of Service Assessment
 - Infrastructure Investment
 - Partnership Inventory, Development and Review
 - Comprehensive Financial Planning
 - Grow and Sustain Partnerships
 - Increase Fiscal Performance through Reduced Costs, Cost Recovery and Diversifying Revenues
 - Celebrate Columbus Recreation and Parks
 - Share our Story with our Community
 - Engage Commission, Stakeholders and Citizens
 - Conduct a Recreation and Parks Impact Analysis
 - Organize the Work Team
 - Recruit and Hire Diverse Expertise
 - Train and Develop Talent
 - Recognize Success
 - Program and Service Assessment Scoreboard

- Celebrate our Neighborhood Parks and Centers
- Increase Participation by Five Percent
- Director Collins - Who are we? Identify our core functions/programs. We need to identify our community gaps; parks, centers, sports, pools, programming. Find the gap, that's what becomes priority.
- Commissioner McNealey – Can the PowerPoint presentation be sent out? We could use it to gage where we've been and where we're going.
- Director Collins – Today was an aerial summary but each section, each Assistant Director will have a section of responsibility.
- Commissioner McNealey – Can each Assistant Director present quarterly on a rotation to see if we are meeting the 2016 goals?
- Director Collins – That is something that can be done.
- Commissioner Paul – Do items on the agenda still go to thru legislation to council?
- Director Collins – Yes. The items will still be sent and approved/denied by Council. The items on April's agenda will be brought back to the Commission in May to be ratified.

Director's Comments

- Director Collins reviewed the Directors Report
- Attended Experience Columbus Open House; ODOT was there; great interaction with the community
- Commissioner McNealey – Metro Parks has some similar events and meetings, they are well attended.

Commission Comments

- Commissioner Rothan – Note was received from Chet regarding parking at Goodale Park. The residents are upset.
- Assistant Director Leist – There was legislation done on the towing in Goodale Park. They would like for us to review the legislation. Maybe the legislation could be written down for reference.
- Commissioner McNealey – Dumpsters seem to be an issue.
- Director Collins – Two dumpsters were relocated and the pick-up times were change. 75% are used by businesses, not eh residents. We have to make/create a balance.
- Open dumpsters do not reflect well.

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

10:04a.m.

Jeffrey McNealy, President

Tony A. Collins, Director