

**RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES SYNOPSIS**

February 10, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

Video web meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84353272387>

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Phone #: 929-205-6099, Conference Code: 84353272387#

Call to Order

8:32 a.m.

Present

Commissioners: Jennifer Adair, Derrick Clay, Gregg Dodd, Letha Pugh, Karla Rothan, Bettye Stull, Terrie TerMeer, and Jamie Wilson

Staff: Attendance not taken

Guest(s): Attendance not taken

Previous Board Meeting Minutes

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

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Remarks from the Office of ProTem Elizabeth Brown

- Council will be meeting February 11th to discuss budget amendments

B. Remarks from Kimber Perfect, Deputy Chief of Staff

- New phase of the campaign for COVID vaccine distribution; CRPD community centers will be used
- Update on partners assisting with vaccine distributions
- Currently 90 locations
- New Fire Chief was announced on February 9th
- Columbus Hall of Fame nominees
- February 12th Commissioner Stull will be receiving the 2021 Poindexter Award

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

1. Ord #0243-2021 (Golf Carts Funding 2021)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into a continued lease agreement in 2021 for the lease-purchase payments of the golf riding cars with PNC Equipment Finance, LLC and Lake Erie Golf for the lease-purchase payments and

maintenance of the golf riding cars; to authorize the expenditure of \$295,680.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operation Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$295,680.00)

2. Ord #0315-2021 (Golf CIP Auditors Certificate 2020-21)

Title: To authorize and direct the City Auditor to set up a certificate in the amount of \$50,000.00 for various expenditures for labor, material, and equipment in conjunction with Recreation and Parks golf course and facility improvements; to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

3. Ord #0326-2021 (Bicentennial Park Fountain Repairs - Phase II)

Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with OHM Advisors to provide professional engineering and construction administration services for the Bicentennial Park Fountain Repair (Phase II) project; to authorize an expenditure of \$189,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$189,000.00)

4. Ord #0327-2021 (Ulry Warner Park Construction Plans)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to modify a contract with, EDGE Group, Inc. to provide professional services associated with the final design plans and bidding documents for the Ulry Warner Park; to authorize an expenditure of \$454,533.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund to be reimbursed to the Department from the Rocky Fork/Blacklick Tax Increment Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$454,533.00)

5. Ord #0328-2021 (Riggins Run, DC LLC Development - PDO and Easement)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to accept three (3) parkland parcels, as well as ingress/egress access easements and issue one (1) temporary construction easement and the same area, permanent easement for the developments storm water pond for the overall development of the Riggins Run, by DC Building Company, LLC. The transfer of the deeds and easements will occur once the Recreation and Parks Commission and City Council pass an ordinance to except the parcels and easement and the issuance of the temporary and permanent easement will occur after the acceptance of the deeds.

6. Ord #0329-2021 (COTF Big Walnut Trail - Winchester Pike to Hesel Park)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Clean Ohio Trails Fund which will be used to build the Big Walnut Trail—Winchester Pike to Hesel Park; and to declare an emergency.

7. Ord #0330-2021 (Clean Ohio Conservation Grant Fund Application)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to apply for grant funding to acquire three properties for preservation of the city's natural resources. The Clean Ohio Conservation Fund is accepting applications for funding to preserve natural areas and

greenway corridors. If awarded funding, a separate piece of legislation will be submitted to enter into a grant agreement and allocate the local match funds.

8. Ord #0331-2021 (Tuttle Skatepark)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with California Skateparks to provide engineering and construction services for the Tuttle Skatepark project; to authorize an expenditure of \$550,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$550,000.00)

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

RECREATION & PROGRAM SERVICES AGENDA

9. Commissioner Only (Linden – Ohio Health Mobile Health Unit)

Title: To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a two year license agreement with Ohio Health for the use of a Mobile Health unit at Linden Community Center. This will be a two year license agreement at no direct cost or revenue as an in-kind relationship. Ohio Health will operate their mobile unit, commonly referred to *Wellness on Wheels Primary Care* to provide a comprehensive set of primary healthcare services to the underserved neighborhood.

On a motion made by Commissioner Adair and seconded by Commissioner TerMeer the Commission unanimously approved the Recreation & Program Services Agenda.

YOUTH & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

10. Ord #0323-2021 (2021 Summer Food Service Program)

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 2021 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. (\$2,300,000.00)

11. Ord #0324-2021 (Community for New Direction - 2021 NVI Contract)

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 2021 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 the Columbus City Code; and to declare an emergency. (\$329,500.00)

12. Ord #0325-2021 (Columbus Urban League - 2021 NVI Contract)

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 2020 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 the Columbus City Code; and to declare an emergency. (\$329,500.00)

On a motion made by Commissioner Adair and seconded by Commissioner Stull the Commission unanimously approved ItemS #10 & #11 the Youth & Family Development Agenda.

On a motion made by Commissioner Dodd and seconded by Commissioner Stull the Commission unanimously approved Item #12 the Youth & Family Development Agenda.

Commissioner Rothan abstained from Item #12.

CRP Foundation Update

- Grant received, it will be used for Outdoor Education Program at Linden Community Center

Division Updates

- COAAA, Executive Director Cindy Farson
 - COVID vaccination update and concerns with availability
 - Working with the National Guard on distributing vaccinations
 - Update on current funding
- Community Relations, Sophia Fifner
 - PLAY Golf Outing update; Champions Golf Course
 - Blue Jackets partnership and project updates
 - Warming Center Policy
 - Commission bi-laws, and Ethics Training
 - Meeting with Sports Commission and influence on young girls
- Parks Maintenance & Operations, Assistant Director Troy Euton (Craig Seeds)
 - Working on plans to increase staffing when allowed
 - Playground removed at Heer Park due to crime and hazardous material for the safety of the residents
- Recreation & Program Services, Assistant Director Bernita Reese
 - New exhibit at the Cultural Arts Center
 - Golden Hobby Shop will open this week at its new location
 - Parking at Berliner Park is being updated
 - Update on current programs
- Youth & Family Development, Assistant Director Eric Brandon
 - Food Office update; contract with Columbus City Schools
 - Over 180 produce giveaways in 2020
 - 2021 Produce giveaways have been scheduled
 - *We Care Tour* will take place again this year in place of *CapCity Nights*

- APPS (Applying Purpose and Passion to Service)
- Update on custom notification procedure
- Update on Rapid Resource, CapKids and Outreach sections
- Transportation has been purchased for the division

Director's Comments

- Update on the playground closure of Heer Park
- Congratulations to Commissioner Stull for her award
- Visit to Scioto Southland with Mayor Ginther
- Olentangy Trail and bridge request
- Update on consultants assisting with EDI
- Currently working on codes and special events for 2021

Commission Comments

- Commissioner Clay gave an update on ethics and Sunshine Law training for the Commissioners
- The Commission will start having meetings with each of the sections and their leaders
- Commissioner Clay met with Mayor Ginther regarding vision for CRPD
- Commissioner TerMeer spoke about the collaborations that CRPD has and what a great job the team is doing

Public Comments

- Roy Wentzel had questions regarding the RFP for West Case Road Park and the change in timeline; Brad Westall will reach out to him with updates

Adjournment

10:14a - On a motion made by Commissioner Adair and seconded by Commissioner Stull the Commission unanimously adjourned the February Commission Meeting.