

**RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES SYNOPSIS**

January 13, 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

8:31 a.m.

Commissioner Acknowledgements & Introductions

- Commissioners Dave Paul and Greg Lee gave comments on their time serving on the Commission
- Introductions and brief backgrounds were given by the 3 new Commissioners
 - Gregg Dodd
 - Letha Pugh
 - Jamie Wilson

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

Election of Commission Officers

- Commission Rothan nominated Commissioner Clay to be the Commission President and for Commissioner TerMeer to continue as Commission Vice President.
 - On a motion made by Commissioner Stull and seconded by Commissioner Adair the Commission unanimously accepted Commissioner Clay as President and Commissioner TerMeer Vice President.

Previous Board Meeting Minutes

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

Old Business

None

New Business

A. Remarks from the Office of ProTem Elizabeth Brown

- Welcome to new Commissioners
- Safety Budget Meetings and surveys
- Budget should be adopted in February

- CARES Act Funding update

B. Remarks from Kimber Perfect, Deputy Chief of Staff

- Acknowledgements and welcome to Commissioners
- New campaign for the COVID vaccine distribution; working with multiple partners
- Update on planning and insurance of public safety

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

1. Ord #0073-2021 (West Franklinton Parks Improvements)

Title: To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with EDGE Group, Inc. to provide professional services associated with the park land design for the West Franklinton Parks Improvements and to authorize an expenditure of \$87,436.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$87,436.00)

2. Ord #0074-2021 (Confluence Village Park—Construction Contract)

Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with George J. Igel & Company, Inc. for the construction of Confluence Village Park; to authorize an expenditure of \$1,222,200.73 for the construction contract and city inspection services from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$1,222,200.73)

3. Ord #0075-2021 (Indian Mound (Scioto Southland) Professional Services Contract Modification)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to modify an existing contract with Hardline Design Company (ord. 1886-2019, PO004191) to provide professional services associated with the Indian Mound Renovations; to authorize a transfer of \$53,482.80 from the contract with Gutknecht Construction (Ord. 1887-2019, PO121913 & PO192894); and to declare an emergency. (\$53,482.80)

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

CRP Foundation Update

- Introduction and congratulations to new Commissioners
- 2020 & 2021 reviews will be coming soon
- Update on grants received and programs the money will be supporting
- Update on committees being formed and staffed by the foundation

Division Updates

- COAAA, Executive Director Cindy Farson
 - COVID vaccination, transportation and distribution update
 - Another large batch of masks received
 - Update on grants

- Reaching out to legislators for support on upcoming budget
- Review of 2020 will be sent out at the end of the month
- Community Relations, Sophia Fifner
 - Bi-laws for the CRPD Commission
 - Working on annual report for 2020
 - Update on donations received and CARES Act funding
 - Volunteer events and participation
 - Update on *Adopt-a-Center* initiative
- Parks Maintenance & Operations, Assistant Director Troy Euton
 - Briefed Commissioners on duties and responsibilities of the division
 - Working on Capital Plan and Urban Forestry Plan
 - Hand sanitizing stations in the parks
- Recreation & Program Services, Assistant Director Bernita Reese
 - Briefed Commissioners on duties and responsibilities of the division
 - Transition of the Golden Hobby Shop is in process
 - Update on all programming
 - Working with CCS on *Active Learning Centers*
 - Linden Community Center should be accessible in February
- Youth & Family Development, Assistant Director Eric Brandon
 - Briefed Commissioners on duties and responsibilities of the division
 - Worked with Elford, Inc. on a food distribution project at the end of 2020
 - Food efforts will start back up again on February 1st

Director's Comments

- Update on current forwarding facing projects within the department

Commission Comments

- Commissioner Dodd gave congratulations to Sophia Finer for the article on her in the Columbus CEO magazine
- Commissioner TerMeer requested that Sophia give the Commissioners an update on the social media platforms used by the department
- Commissioner Rothan acknowledged that pools are on the radar for the department (response to Kit Lodston chat request regarding pools)

Commission Comments

- Kit Lodston commented via chat: *"In the Northwest Columbus area we have a huge need for swimming facilities. I would like to suggest we work on a partnership with YWCA to build a facility to compliment the Carriage Place Rec center. We have a multi-ethnic, multi-national, economically diverse community that would benefit greatly from a recreation facility to complete the green space anticipated by proper development of the "Sheep Farm". A coordinated effort by the NWCA and other area commissions in the are could make this aan important part of the MRPC Traffic Corridor plan."*

Adjournment

10:08a - On a motion made by Commissioner Rothan and seconded by Commissioner Clay the Commission unanimously adjourned the January Commission Meeting.