

**RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES SYNOPSIS**

**June 9, 2021 – Virtual Meeting**

Video web meeting link:

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**Meeting ID: 160 532 2219**

**Phone #: 650-479-3207, Conference Code: 160 532 2219, Password: 1234**

**Call to Order**

8:30 a.m.

**Present**

Commissioners: Jennifer Adair, Derrick Clay, Gregg Dodd, Alvis Moore, Letha Pugh, Terrie TerMeer, Karla Rothan, Bettye Stull 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 May meeting minutes were unanimously accepted.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**A. Remarks from ProTem Elizabeth Brown's Office**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. Ord #1191-2021 (Forestry Equipment Auditor's Certificate 2021)**

**Title:** To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into various contracts for the purchase of maintenance equipment for the Recreation and Parks Department; to authorize the expenditure of \$150,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund, to establish an Auditor's certificates in the amount of \$150,000.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$150,000.00)

**2. Ord #1173-2021 (COAAA Consolidated Appropriation Act)**

**Title:** To authorize and direct the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging to accept grant funds from the Ohio Department of Aging in the amount of \$749,691.00 and any additional funds in connection with the Older Americans Act Title III -Congregate and Home Delivered Meals; to authorize the appropriation of \$749,691.00 and any additional funds; to authorize

the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contracts with the providers listed; and to declare an emergency. (\$749,691.00)

**3. Ord #1280-2021 (COAAA Passport Funding Appropriation)**

**Title:** To authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$112,840,000.00 within the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund for the Recreation and Parks Department to provide home care and assisted living services to older adults in connection with the Pre Admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today (PASSPORT) Medicaid Waiver Program in Central Ohio; and to declare an emergency. (\$112,840,000.00)

**4. Ord #1281-2021 (COAAA Passport and Assisted Living Contracts)**

**Title:** To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into various contracts for the provision of Pre Admission Screening System Providing Options and Resources Today (PASSPORT) home care and assisted living services for older adults in Central Ohio; to authorize the expenditure of \$86,000,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$86,000,000.00)

**5. Ord #1277-2021 (COAAA 2021 Building Management & Maintenance)**

**Title:** To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into the first year of a four-year contract with HER, LLC for property management and maintenance services for the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$370,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$370,000.00)

**6. Ord #1513-2021 (TANF Grant Appropriation 2021)**

**Title:** To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept a grant in the amount of \$54,967.13 and enter into an agreement with the Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services to provide camp tuition for children from low income families; to appropriate \$54,967.13 to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$54,967.13)

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

## ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

**7. Ord #1358-2021 (Appropriation for 2020 Carry Over)**

**Title:** To authorize the appropriation of \$934,000.00 within the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285 to cover additional staffing, supply and service needs; and to declare an emergency. (\$934,000.00)

**8. Ord #1461-2021 (Rhodes Park Lease 2021)**

**Title:** To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a lease agreement with the State of Ohio, through its Department of Administrative Services, Office of Real Estate and Planning, for the continued operation and management of Rhodes Park. Rhodes Park is

located at 1900 West Broad Street and consists of approximately 51.10 acres. This lease will replace an expiring agreement and is for a term of five years with the option to renew for two additional five year terms. This agreement can remain in effect until 2036 if all options are extended. This agreement will allow Columbus Recreation and Parks to continue offering the park to our residents as a public City Park.

**9. Ord #1471-2021 (Barack Community Center Kitchen Renovation- Construction)**

**Title:** To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with ProCon Professional Construction Services, Inc. for the Barack Community Center Kitchen Renovation Project; to authorize the appropriation of \$187,506.00 within the CDBG Fund in accordance with the 2021 Annual Action Plan as approved by Council, to authorize the expenditure of \$187,506.00 from the CDBG Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$187,506.00)

**10. Ord #1472-2021 (Hilltop Camp Chase Trail Connection—Valleyview/Eureka Ave.)**

**Title:** To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into a construction reimbursement agreement with the Franklin County Engineers Office to construct improvements to Eureka Avenue and Valleyview Avenue in the Hilltop community for connectivity from the Camp Chase Trail to the Scioto Trail; and to declare an emergency. (\$250,000.00)

**11. Ord #1473-2021 (Olentangy Trail—Final Gap--Northmoor to Clinton Como)**

**Title:** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to modify an existing contract (Ord. 1319-2020) with American Structurepoint to provide detailed engineering and design services associated with preparation of construction plans for the Olentangy Trail—Final Gap/Northmoor to Clinton Como; to authorize an expenditure of \$ 892,774.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$892,774.00)

**12. Ord #1515-2021 (Security Guard Services 2021)**

**Title:** To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with multiple security companies to provide security guard services to the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department (CRPD) on an as needed basis at pools, community centers and other locations; to authorize the appropriation and expenditure of \$300,000 from the CRPD Operating Fund 2285; and to declare an emergency. (\$300,000.00)

**13. Ord #1552-2021 (Youth Programming Cares Act Funding 2021)**

**Title:** To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to make financial assistance available and enter into grant agreements with Columbus area 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations to provide summer camp and recreational programming to youth in Central Ohio; to authorize the City Auditor to establish a certificate in the amount of \$4,200,000.00 for grant awards; and to authorize the expenditure of \$4,200,000.00 from the City of Columbus human services CARES Fund 2207; and to declare an emergency. (\$4,200,000.00)

#### **14. Ord #1530-2021 (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area (DORA))**

**Title:** To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to execute any and all agreements or documentation as are necessary for the DORA to operate including, to provide for and obtain operational and management services for the Arena District DORA consistent with provisions of the application.

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

#### **Department and Project Updates**

- Diversity Equity & Inclusion Training
  - Training dates & times have been changed to ensure more participation from staff
  - By-laws have been adopted by the DEI Committee

#### **CRP Foundation Updates**

- Therapeutic Recreation Camp video being made to highlight donation and programming “Adaptive Sports”
- Over \$50,000 donated for Livingston Park improvements

#### **Division Updates**

- COAAA, Cindy Farson
  - World Elder Abuse Awareness event next week
  - CARES Fund Spending
- Community Relations, Kerry Francis
  - Grant received from Dicks Sporting Goods
  - PLAY has already received \$130,000, spots still available
  - Partnership Manager will start in a couple of weeks
  - Summer Camp and pool media & signage update
- Parks Maintenance & Operations, Assistant Director Troy Euton
  - Pool issue(s) update
  - Dorian Green Fountain will be open soon and follow COSI scheduling
  - Volunteer project update
  - Still continue to have staffing issues
- Recreation & Program Services, Interim Assistant Director Jack Castle
  - Summer Camp opened this week
- Youth & Family Development, Assistant Director Eric Brandon
  - Summer Food lunch program this week; 150 sites
  - APPS orientation & training started this week; 150+ onboarding
  - *We Care Tour* update
  - CapKids; all 4 summer camps are full
  - 2-day Violence Conference update

#### **Director’s Comments**

- Summer & Youth Programming
  - \$8M being received to assist
  - Lifeguard pay has been increased

- Special Events – 200 pop ups events around the city
- One Stop Shop for permitting events
- Street trees contract to assist with tree issues
- Trinity Transition Training
- Aquatics study & renovations
- Safety meeting will be scheduled
- DEI reporting
- Summer camp visits

### **Commission Comments**

- Commissioner Clay thanked the department for all their hard work
- July Commission Meeting will be at 1111 E. Broad St.
- September Commission Meeting will be at the Linden Community Center

### **Public Comments**

None

### **Adjournment**

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