

**RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES SYNOPSIS**

May 12, 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

8:34 a.m.

Present

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

Old Business

A. Update Commission on Ord#0936-2021 – Production Package for Pop-up Performances in Parks

Title: To authorize the Director of Finance and Management, on behalf of the Recreation and Parks Department, to enter contracts with New Era Technology and Stageline Mobile Stage, Inc. for the purchase of a mobile stage and related equipment; to authorize the appropriation of \$285,850.00 within the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund 2285, to authorize the expenditure of \$285,850.00 from the Recreation and Parks Operating Fund, to waive the competitive bidding provisions of City Code; and to declare an emergency. (\$285,850.00)

New Business

A. Remarks from ProTem Elizabeth Brown's Office

- Capital Budget is being presented to Council
- Update on restroom usage

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

- Thank you to Recreation & Parks Department for all their work
- Summer Programming announcement

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Ord #1188-2021 (Rental Services CIP AC 2020-202R1)**

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, materials, and equipment in conjunction with Recreation and Parks shelterhouses and other permitted facilities improvements; and to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund. (\$50,000.00)

2. **Ord #1190-2021 (Franklin Park Conservatory CIP 2020)**

Title: To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Franklin Park Conservatory for the implementation of the Franklin Park Master Plan in the amount of \$500,000.00; to authorize the expenditure of \$500,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$500,000.00)

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

3. **Ord #1181-2021 (Design Services for 2022 Hard Surfaces)**

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with GPD Group to provide engineering services for CRPD's annual Hard Surface Program; to authorize an expenditure of \$86,469.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$86,469.00)

4. **Ord #1182-2021 (Case Road Parkland Design)**

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with MKSK Design to provide professional services associated with the park land design for the Case Road Park and to authorize an expenditure of \$235,825.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$235,825.00)

5. **Ord #1183-2021 (Clean Ohio Trails Fund Grant Acceptance and Appropriation---Alum Creek Trail/Mock Road Connector)**

Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to accept a grant and enter into a grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$485,000.00 for the 2020 Clean Ohio Trails Fund---Alum Creek Trail/Mock Road Connector; to authorize the appropriation of \$485,000.00 to the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; and to authorize the City Auditor to transfer \$121,250 within the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund for the local match. (\$485,000.00)

6. **Ord #1184-2021 (Sports - Bleachers 2021)**

Title: To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into contract for the purchase of fold-up bleachers for the Recreation and Parks Department; to authorize the

expenditure of \$75,000.00 from the CARES Act Community Development Block Grant (CDBG COVID) to be appropriated into fund 51-5101-2248-224850-CW012, to establish an Auditor's certificates in the amount of \$75,000.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$75,000.00)

7. Ord #1185-2021 (Columbus Urban Forestry Master Plan Contract Extension)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to modify an existing contract with Urban Canopy Works (Ordinance 2337-2019) to provide professional services associated with the implementation of the Columbus Urban Forestry Master Plan; to authorize an expenditure of \$45,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$45,000.00)

8. Ord #1186-2021 (Hamilton Woods Environmental Covenant)

Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to sign as a holder of an Environmental Covenant and accept the donation of a tract of property along N. Hamilton Road in the far northeast side of the City. The natural area contained within the covenant will be split from a larger parcel to be privately developed into multi-family units. The donated parcel will expand the Hamilton Wetlands & Heron Rookery Nature Preserve.

9. Ord #1187-2021 (Community Sports Park Right of Entry Agreement)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into agreement (as well as subsequent modifications) that allows the City of Columbus and its agents, employees, contractors, subcontractors, and invitees to enter upon the Ohio State Fairgrounds Property solely for the purpose of conducting the activities associated with the development of a Community Sports Park; and to declare an emergency.

10. Ord #1189-2021 (APO Increase for General Design & Construction Management Services)

Title: To authorize the City Auditor to increase the amount available on established auditor's certificates (Ord. 2050-2020) for professional architectural, engineering, and construction management services in conjunction with park, trail, and facility capital improvement projects managed by the Design and Construction Section of the Recreation and Parks Department by \$450,000.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$450,000.00)

11. Commission Only (Andre Hill Brentnell Community Center Gym Naming Opportunity)

Title: Columbus Recreation and Parks Department requests consideration from the Columbus Recreation and Parks Committee to evaluate and consider approval of naming Brentnell Community Center's gym in memorandum of Andre Hill for his contribution to the Columbus community. Andre Maurice Hill (May 23, 1973 - December 22, 2020) attended Northland High School. He had a passion for cooking and received certifications in Hotel Restaurant Management Culinary Arts. Mr. Hill was a provider and protector and loved his family. Most importantly, Mr. Hill was passionate about his community and was a frequent user and guest at the Brentnell Community Center. Social and racial inequities exist in our community. Mr. Hill's death is a reminder of how deep these inequalities ring true. As our community works toward healing, one small step the department can take is to honor Mr.

Hill's legacy by commemorating the gathering place that served as a positive place for members of the Brentnell neighborhood.

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

Department and Project Updates

- Public Engagement for the Olentangy Trail at North Broadway and the Scioto Trail at 5th Ave. to Griggs Park.
- Training with Trinity Transition

CRP Foundation Updates

- \$50K+ donation received or Livingston Park
- Two grants being submitted

Division Updates

- COAAA, Cindy Farson
 - Staffing shortage and wages
- Community Relations, Kerry Francis
 - Update on staffing duties
 - RFP for Recovery Funding
 - P.L.A.Y. Golf Outing moved to September 24th
 - Update on summer communication(s) and social media presence
- Parks Maintenance & Operations, Assistant Director Troy Euton
 - Parks crew is catching up on mowing
 - Pool & building update
 - Urban Forestry Master Plan & CIP Update
 - Staffing issues
- Recreation & Program Services, Interim Assistant Director Jack Castle
 - Working with the Health Department regarding policies for centers & activities
 - Doors opened on May 10th
 - Staff summer training starts May 19th
- Youth & Family Development, Assistant Director Eric Brandon
 - APPS onboarding summer interns; 100+ processed
 - *We Care Tour* started back up
 - Expansion of NVI program; multiple departments involved
 - Rapid Resource Program update
 - City Leaders graduation ceremony is on Saturday, May 15th
 - Food Office staff training

Director's Comments

- Blackburn homeless shelter had a gas issues, residents went to Blackburn Community Center
- Working with Red Cross on future process and agreements
- Currently 45 vacancies within CRPD
- Issues with park misuse

Commission Comments

- Commissioner Rothan raised concern that senior residents are feeling left out
 - Creative Campus
- Commissioner Adair shared that Columbus City Schools are having reviews and meetings of their buildings; opportunities for partnerships
 - Community conversations start next week

Public Comments

- Mr. Wentzel thanked the team for the Earth Day celebration at West Case Road
- Connection to Carriage Place and West Case Road

Adjournment

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