

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES SYNOPSIS
May 11, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.
Jerry Hammond Building
1111 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215

Call to Order

8:32 a.m.

Present

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

Staff: Tony Collins, Steve Aumiller, Eric Brandon, Brandi Braun, Stephanie Brock, Ralonda Hampton, Terri Leist, Jason Nicholson, Mollie O'Donnell, John Oswald, Phil Rollins

Guests: Pat McClinton, Bill Byers, Robert Grunch and Bob Harmon

Introductions

The Commissioners went around the table and introduced themselves to the newest Commissioner, Rob Dorans.

Previous Board Meeting minutes

On a motion made by Commissioner Rothan and seconded by Commissioner Brown the April minutes were unanimously accepted.

Old Business

None

New Business

Director Collins reviewed the agenda format for May's meeting. The agenda has all ordinances for May and from the April meeting. April ordinances are included because the Commission was unable to vote in April due to not having a quorum. Ordinances from April are listed in blue and May ordinances are in black.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioners were advised to review the consent agenda and to ask any questions they may have on any of the ordinances.

1. **Ord# 0756-2016 (Park Maintenance – Chippers):** To authorize the Finance and Management Director to enter into a contract with Vermeer Mfg. Co. for the purchase of two (2) Vermeer BC1500 Chippers and one (1) Vermeer BC1800XL Chipper for the Recreation and Parks Department - Parks Maintenance and Forestry Section in accordance with State of Ohio contract Schedule Number: 800311 / Index No: STS515; and to authorize the expenditure of \$195,790.00. (\$195,790.00)

2. **Ord# 1000-2016 (Alum Creek Trail – Airport Dr. & 5th Ave.):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Strawser Paving Company for pavement improvements to the Alum Creek Trail between Airport Drive and 5th Avenue; to authorize the expenditure of \$121,182.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund. (\$121,182.00)
3. **Ord# 1280-2016 (Goodale & Schiller Park Columns Restoration):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Mull & Weithman for the preparation of plans and specifications to restore the east entry gate and columns at Goodale Park and the columns at Schiller Park; to authorize the expenditure of \$41,000.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$41,000.00)
4. **Ord# 1285-2016 (Auditors Certificate – Greenways CIP):** To authorize the City Auditor to set up a certificate in the amount of \$100,000.00 for various expenditures for labor, material and equipment in conjunction with greenways improvements within the Recreation and Parks Department; to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000.00 from the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000.00)

On a motion made by Commissioner Paul, and seconded by Commissioner Adair the commission unanimously approved the Consent Agenda.

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA – The following ordinances were presented together and voted on at one time:

1. **Ord# 0982-2016 (Nature Works Grant for Southgate Parkland):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to apply for Nature Works Grant, administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to assist Ohio public entities in the acquisition or development of public outdoor recreation areas. This grant will be used for the construction of an open shelter, parking lot, loop walk, and playground on the currently undeveloped Southgate Parkland located on Obetz Road, west of Parsons Avenue in the Far South Columbus Area. If the Recreation and Parks Department is awarded funding, a separate piece of legislation will be submitted to enter into a grant agreement and allocate the local funds. The park development average cost is \$200,000.00 to \$250,000.00. The application will request 50%; funds are projected to be \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00.
2. **Ord# 0998-2016 (Italian Village Pavilion Park):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Tim Lai Architect for the design and construction documents for a pavilion space in Italian Village Park; to waive the competitive procurement provisions of the Columbus City Code; and to authorize the expenditure of \$40,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund. (\$40,000.00)
 - a. The shelter will be about 35ft from the Mark Woods building.
 - b. There will be a small stage, 3ft tall.
 - c. No programming for this pavilion, maybe small concerts.

3. **Ord# 0999-2016 (Davis Center Shelter Improvements Design):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with OHM Advisors for the preparation of drawings and specifications for the Davis Center Shelter Improvements Project; to authorize the expenditure of \$258,500.00. (\$258,000.00).
 - a. Commissioner Brown – How does this line up with Master Plan 2.0?
 - b. Collins – There is a meeting scheduled with Bruce Harkey where he will be presenting how this ties in with Master Plan 2.0.

4. **Ord# 1103-2016 (COAAA Senior Farmer’s Market 2016):** To authorize an appropriation in the amount of \$195,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund to the Recreation and Parks Department for the Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging in connection with the Senior Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program; and to declare an emergency. (\$195,000.00)
 - a. Commissioner McNealey – This is a roll over market for seniors

5. **Ord# 1104-2016 (COAAA Senior Farmer’s Market Contract 2016):** To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with LifeCare Alliance for the Senior Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program; to authorize the expenditure of up to \$195,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$195,000.00)

6. **Ord# 1253-2016 (CAPA Contract for Festival Latino):** To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with CAPA for Festival Latino programming; to authorize the expenditure of \$15,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$15,000.00)
 - a. Commissioner McNealey – Is this in Genoa Park?
 - b. Aumiller - Yes

7. **Ord# 1269-2016 (ActiveNet Contract Extension 2016):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to modify and extend existing contract EL010930 for the maintenance and support of the Activenet software application with The Active Network, LLC; to authorize the expenditure of \$120,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Department Operating Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$120,000.00)

8. **Ord# 1281-2016 (Olentangy & King Water Trail):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with DLZ Ohio, Inc. for the development of permit plans for roadway access into the canoe and kayak launch area at Olentangy River Road and King Avenue; to authorize the expenditure of \$34,728.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$34,728.00)

9. **Ord# 1283-2016 (Sports Courts 2016):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Pavement Protectors, Inc. dba M&D Blacktop Sealing for the repair and replacement of sports courts at Milo Grogan Park, Wolfe Park and an addition of a new basketball half court at Nafzger Park; to authorize the expenditure of \$200,000.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$200,000.00)

10. **Ord# 1284-2016 (HVAC Improvements – 2014 Modifications):** To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to modify the contract with General Temperature Control, Inc. for additional work under the existing HVAC Improvements 2014 contract; to authorize the expenditure of \$3,430,000.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$3,430,000.00)
 - a. Commissioner McNealey asked that the Commissioners go out to the grand opening at Douglas Community Center; it is a big deal to the community.

11. **Ord# 1344-2016 (Recreation Furniture 2016):** To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into various contracts for the purchase of furniture for the Recreation and Parks Department; to authorize the expenditure of \$100,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Permanent Improvement Fund; to establish a budget reservation in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the purchases listed within this legislation; and to declare an emergency. (\$100,000.00)
 - a. Rakosky – This ordinance is being established so there is a routine system for replacing furniture, equipment, etc. in the community centers.
 - b. Commissioner Wright – Will the items the department is getting rid of be liquidated?
 - c. Rakosky – Most items won't be salvaged due to their condition.

On a motion made by Commissioner Wright, and seconded by Commissioner Adair the commission unanimously approved all ordinances presented for the Administration Division.

PARKS & OPERATIONS AGENDA – No legislation to vote on.

RECREATION AND PROGRAM SERVICES – Steve Aumiller presented the following ordinances together and they were voted on at one time:

1. **Ord# 0928-2016 (2016 Permission for Alcohol at Events):** To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to grant consent to various organizations to apply for permission to sell alcoholic beverages at festivals and events during 2016.
 - a. Commissioner Rothan stated that she would need to abstain from voting on this ordinance

2. **Ord# 1270-2016 (Auditors Certificate - Recreation and Parks Equipment):** To authorize the appropriation and transfer of \$50,000.00 within the Recreation and Parks Permanent Improvement Fund for the purchase of Recreation equipment; to authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into various contracts for the purchase of equipment for the Recreation and Parks Department; to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Permanent Improvement Fund; to establish an auditor's certificate in the amount of \$50,000.00 for the purchases listed within this legislation; and to declare an emergency. (\$50,000.00)

3. **Ord# 1329-2016 (2016 Permission for Alcohol at Events - 2):** To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to grant consent to various organizations to apply for permission to sell alcoholic beverages at the following 2016 events: NightLight 614 Summer Outdoor Movie Series and Bike the Cbus; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

On a motion made by Commissioner Paul, and seconded by Commissioner Wright the commission approved all ordinances presented for the Recreation and Program Services Division. Commissioner Rothan's abstention is noted for Ord#0928-2016.

YOUTH & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT – The following ordinances were presented together by Eric Brandon and voted on at one time:

1. **Ord# 0764-2016 (2016 Summer Foods Service Program):** 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 2016 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 to implement the Summer Food Program; to authorize the expenditure of \$2,360,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund 283; and to declare an emergency. (\$2,500,000.00)
2. **Ord# 1013-2016 (2016 Communities for New Directions Contract):** To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into an agreement with Communities for New Direction to provide professional and fiscal services related to the implementation of the Neighborhood Violence Intervention Program 2016 contract; to authorize the expenditure of \$278,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Fund 285; and to declare an emergency. (\$278,000.00)
3. **Ord# 1014-2016 (2016 Columbus Urban League Contract):** To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into an agreement with the Columbus Urban League to provide professional and fiscal services related to the implementation of the Neighborhood Violence Intervention Program 2016 contract; to authorize the expenditure of \$271,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Fund 285; and to declare an emergency. (\$271,000.00)
4. **Ord# 1278-2016 (NRPA Summer Food Grant):** To authorize and direct the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to accept a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the National Recreation and Parks Association to expand the department's summer food program; to authorize the appropriation of \$10,000.00 to the Recreation and Parks Private Grant Fund 2291; to authorize the expenditure of \$10,000.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$10,000.00)
 - a. Director Collins – There were multiple sites counted in one location, that is changing this year. So the number of sites will drop but not the number of meals and people served.
 - b. Commissioner McNealey asked Tony to mention the OPRA award the food truck received early this year.

Director's Comments

- Director Collins reviewed shred information with the Commission

- Updated information they receive each meeting should be added to their notebooks
- Reviewed the information page given out; “Who are We?”
- Reviewed summary of the 2016 goals with the Commission
- All staff meeting had over 300 attendees; feedback to the staff from Tony is “it’s not about what Tony wants but the citizens and the stakeholders.”
- Commission will be updated on goals
- Glenwood’s grand opening was successful
- There were over 20,000 trees planted this year with Branch Out Columbus
- Playground build at Marion Franklin last week; over 70 people volunteered
- Douglas’ grand opening is May 14th; new HVAC system
- P.L.A.Y. outing is Monday, May 16th. This supports program scholarship funds. It was changed to Scarlet golf course this year due to Urban Meyer’s participation.
- Indianapolis site tour was successful. There were shared ideas and best practices were reviewed.
- The Juneteenth festival will not be taking place this year. There have been many meetings in order to come to some resolution. There were a number of challenges, the biggest being vendors and the police department went unpaid.
 - Commissioner Wright – How do we determine which festival gets money/funding?
 - Collins – It seems that there is some evolution to this issue. The city decides to start paying for a festival, but then a private vendor will take over due to costs. They city hosted the Latino festival until 2008.
 - The city was going to cease funding festivals in 2008 due to financial obligations.
 - Collins – We need to come up with a fair financial system for the festivals
 - Commissioner Brown – The Latino festival I 95% funded by private partners and Red, White & Boom is 99% funded by private partners.
 - Collins - The Asian festival qualifies for a grant
 - Commissioner McNealy – Juneteenth has been an issue for years. There has been no funding for upfront costs and there are management issues.
 - Commissioner Rothan – Gated events are not permitted in public parks (Goodale Park). Donation admissions are received for the Pride events.
 - Commissioner Brown – These are operational issues, not racial.
- Commissioner McNealey – Presentation in October or November on balance of fee structure and tules for festivals.
- There were 109 race applications in 2015, even after the rate increase there are currently 126 applications for 2016.
- Ralonda Hampton announced the public hearing for the Recreation and Parks Department is May 18th at 3:00p
- Director Collins asked Eric Brandon to explain how the APPS team is using the Everbridge system
 - The APPS Team is partnering with other teams. Blasts are sent out to these partners
 - There are intervention teams at Easton; there have been many issues up there this year.

- Commissioner McNealey asked that there be a review of this presented in September or October.
- Commissioner Adair – Is the police department a part of this effort/plan?
- Asst. Director Brandon – Yes
- Commissioner – APPS is one positive taking place in the communities

Commission Comments

- Commissioner Paul stated that the All Staff Meeting was a good event
- Commissioner McNealey urged the commissioners again to understand that they are the people’s representatives. They have to be out in the communities, not just listening to the reports.
- Commissioner Adair commended Director Collins about having his team take cultural competency training; they are the first.
- Collins – This is a measurable goal.

Public Comments

None

Presentation

Bill Byers and Patricia McClinton, of Nationwide Children’s presented the Livingston Park Project that they would like to work with the Recreation and Parks Department on.

- This project will be years out but it’s necessary to introduce it to the commission now.
- This was part of an economic development plan with the previous administration.
- The easement is being asked for by Nationwide.
- The McDonald House and Livingston Park are important to help ease family stress
- Part of HNHF; not just for sick children but children in general. A healthy population is important.
- They are not trying to recreate the neighborhood; they want to create a mixed neighborhood.
- There will be a maintenance agreement with Recreation and Parks; Nationwide handles everything but the trees.
- There are 5 phases for the Park Master Plan.
- Nationwide purchased Africentric land; West Campus.
- In 2020 the construction will start on the new inpatient tower.
- Buildings are being torn down after IP2 is built.
- How will patients access the building? Build a garage under Livingston Park. If this can’t be done the Master Plan has to change.
- Commissioner McNealey – Is this a 15 year plan? Why not take an easement for the whole area? Plan thru 2050.
- This project will impact the trees and the Grant St. bridge will be impacted.
- There is a draft of the legal agreement being worked on. Teams have been working together in interest of time.

- Copy of the draft agreement will be sent out to the Commission. This agreement needs to be considered by everyone including council.
- Commissioner Brown mentioned COSI and the Zoos relationship. As long as there is an agreement they keep the green space available to the public.
- Commissioner Brown – Does it have to be an easement?
- Bill Byers – Yes. They will put it back better than they found it. They have firm legal agreements for protection of the city and citizens.
- Commissioner Brown – Is it possible to get this information in writing from the city attorneys.
- Collins - There are successful jobs like this one. He wanted everyone to be aware of the project that is going to take place.
- Commissioner Brown states that he is concerned with community response.
- Commissioner McNealey – The community hasn't been upset thus far, there was a maintenance agreement done in 2010 or 2011.
- Angela Mingo will be reaching out to the community as this project continues.
- This will become public information in June.
- Commissioner Dorans – What is the ballpark on construction? How long will the park be down?
- Patricia McClinton – Construction time should be 18-20 months. A portion of the park will always be open to the public.

Adjournment

There was a motion made by Commissioner Paul and seconded by Commissioner Brown. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10a.m.

Jeffrey McNealy, President

Tony A. Collins, Director