

RECREATION & PARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES SYNOPSIS
October 12, 2016 – 8:30 a.m.
Jerry Hammond Building
1111 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43205

Call to Order

8:38 a.m.

Present

Commissioners: Michael S. Brown, Rob Dorans, Dave Paul, Kathy Rothan, & Mataryun “Mo” Wright

Staff: Tony Collins, Steve Aumiller, Eric Brandon, Brandi Braun, Stephanie Brock, Cindy Farson, Ralonda Hampton, Brian Hoyt, Mollie O’Donnell, John Oswalt, Jaiza Page & Paul Rakosky

Guests: Derrick Clay, Robert Grinch and Bob Harmon

Previous Board Meeting minutes

On a motion made by Commissioner Brown and seconded by Commissioner Wright the September minutes were unanimously accepted.

Introductions

Director Collins introduced Derrick Clay, who is in the process of being assigned to the Recreation and Parks Commission as a Commissioner.

Old Business

None

New Business

Remarks – Councilmember Jaiza Page

Councilmember Page announced the Council Public Hearing on October 20th for the Recreation and Parks Department.

Remarks – Kimber Perfect, Deputy Chief of Staff

Kimber thanked the department for hosting the meetings that have been taking place over the past few months. Council is trying to do more community outreach and the centers have been a big part of that.

Commissioner Paul announced the Senior Festival taking place at the Hollywood Casino on Fri., Oct. 28th.

Public Comment

None

CONSENT AGENDA – Commissioner Paul advised that the agenda be sent out via email to everyone and asked if there were any questions about the ordinances being presented on the consent agenda.

1. Ord# 2387-2016 (Park/Playground CIP AC)

Title: To authorize the City Auditor to set up a certificate in the amount of \$200,000.00 for various expenditures for labor, materials, and equipment in conjunction with park improvements within the Recreation and Parks Department; to authorize the expenditure of \$200,000.00 from the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$200,000.00)

2. Ord.# 2398-2016 (COAAA – FY2017 Title III Provider Contracts)

Title: To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contracts with 30 community agencies to provide social and nutrition services to older adults in Central Ohio during 2017; to authorize the expenditure of \$6,525,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Grant Fund; and to declare an emergency. (\$6,525,000.00)

3. Ord.# 2393-2016 (Tiny Gate Block Party)

Title: To authorize and direct the Director of Recreation and Parks to grant consent to organizations/community groups to sell alcoholic beverages at their 2016 events; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

- 1) Ohio History Podcast Educational Assistance Corporation for the Tiny Gate Block Party, November 26.

4. Ord.# 2542-2016 (AEP – Hayden Run Rd.)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to provide American Electric Power (AEP) two easements for the I-270 ODOT project, in order to move an existing AEP service line; and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

5. Ord.# 2544-2016 (Permits, Shelter house CIP AC 2016-2017)

Title: To authorize and direct the City Auditor to set up a certificate in the amount of \$48,000.00 for various expenditures for labor, materials, and equipment in conjunction with shelterhouses and other permitted facilities improvements within the Recreation and Parks Department; and to authorize the expenditure of \$48,000.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund. (\$48,000.00)

6. Ord.# 2547-2016 (Sports Facilities AC 2016-2017)

Title: To authorize and direct the City Auditor to set up a certificate in the amount of \$90,000.00 for various expenditures for labor, material and equipment in conjunction with sports facilities improvements within the Recreation and Parks Department; and to authorize the expenditure of \$90,000.00 from the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund. (\$90,000.00)

7. Ord.# 2561-2016 (Greenways AC 2016-2017)

Title: To authorize the City Auditor to set up a certificate in the amount of \$95,700.00 for various expenditures for labor, material and equipment in conjunction with greenways

improvements within the Recreation and Parks Department; and to authorize the expenditure of \$95,700.00 from the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund. (\$95,700.00)

8. Ord.# 2567-2016 (Aquatics CIP AC 2016-2017)

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 aquatics facilities improvements within the Recreation and Parks Department; and to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000.00 from the Voted Recreation and Parks Bond Fund. (\$50,000.00)

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

ADMINISTRATION AGENDA

1. Ord.# 2260-2016 (OSU Crew Club)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into a License Agreement with the Ohio State University Crew Club for the ability to row crew in the downtown water front (to use the premises for nonexclusive, seasonal use and access to store and secure removable equipment, boats, and appurtenances in order to operate a public nonprofit boat and rowing program); and to declare an emergency. (\$0.00)

- Mollie O'Donnell – They will be walking boats across town; rowing in the morning.
- Director Collins – Has been asked for rowing frequently by residents; it is difficult to make it happen. The plan with OSU is a temporary solution.
- There have been requests for North Bank but it's not big enough; too small and too shallow.

2. Ord.# 2450-2016 (UIRF Broad St. Island Landscape)

Title: To authorize the Director of Recreation and Parks to enter into contract with Builderscape, Inc. for the installation of plant material at the Eastmoor Broad Street Park Islands; to authorize the expenditure of \$45,540.00 from the Recreation and Parks Voted Bond Fund 7702; and to declare an emergency. (\$45,540.00)

- Mollie O'Donnell – This area doesn't have parks so a couple of the street islands have been deeded as parks; trees have been planted.
- Dir. Collins – What street are near these islands?
- Mollie O'Donnell – Eastmoor Blvd and Kellner.

3. Ord.# 2543-2016 (Berliner Lighting Improvements)

Title: To authorize the Director of the Recreation and Parks Department to enter into contract with Claypool Electric for the replacement of sports field lighting at Berliner Park; to authorize the expenditure of \$621,830.00; and to declare an emergency. (\$621,830.00)

- Commissioner Dorans – Are there any other contract with this company? Claypool has been listed/reported in the prevailing wage office.
- There have not been a lot of vendors bidding on the department jobs.

- There are a lot of construction projects taking place in Columbus, some of the projects that the department has are smaller projects compared to others in the city.
- Mosko is selling the lights, not installing them.

On a motion made by Commissioner Brown, and seconded by Commissioner Rothan the commission unanimously approved ordinances 2260-2016 and 2450-2016. Commissioner Dorans abstained on 2543-2016.

PARKS & OPERATIONS AGENDA - No legislation to vote on.

RECREATION AND PROGRAM SERVICES

1. Ord.# 2604-2016 (Recreation Center Furniture)

Title: To authorize the Director of Finance and Management to enter into contract for the purchase of Recreation Facility Furniture for the Recreation and Parks Department; to waive the competitive bidding provisions of the Columbus City Code Chapter 329; to authorize the expenditure of \$70,000.00 from an existing Budget Reservation; and to declare an emergency. (\$70,000.00)

- Steve Aumiller – There is difference in furniture in the new lobbies, some is worn out. Upgrading the entrances of the community centers.

On a motion made by Commissioner Rothan, and seconded by Commissioner Brown the commission unanimously approved ordinance 2604-2016.

YOUTH & FAMILY DEVELOPMENT – No legislation to vote on.

Meeting Recordings

There was a resolution made by the Commission to start recording the monthly meetings again; the recordings will be kept on file as part of public record.

- Recordings would be helpful for Stephanie but the recordings are made public.
- Stephanie will take, note subjects, and summarize points. We will have minutes; the recordings can be kept as a backup.
- There were discussions before about not having a transcriber, the negative point wasn't cost but the Commissioners not having fear of being candid.
- Commissioners reside on other boards and recordings are kept of those meetings.
- If the meetings are recorded make sure the quality of the recordings are good.

On a motion made by Commissioner Rothan, and seconded by Commissioner Brown the commission unanimously approved the resolution to have the monthly Commission meetings recorded. Recordings will start at the November Commission Meeting.

Director's Comments

- Introduced Brian Hoyt, new Communication liaison
- The 2017 Budget was submitted to the Mayor
- Reported on updated summer numbers
- Five professionals went to the NRPA Conference in St. Louis.
- “Dare to be Heard’ exhibition will start on September 23rd. Community members and staff started this effort 3 years ago.
- Sports Section has had a record setting first three quarters. Over a \$100,000 increase. Growth in participation and revenue.
- Staffing
 - 140 resumes received for the open Park Operations Asst. Director position.
 - Had panels for each process of the interviews.
 - Announcement will be made soon.
 - All business and fiscal areas have been moved into one division; adopting suggestion from the master plan.
- Coffee chats with the staff are still taking place; going thru the department

Commission Comments

- Dave Paul – Welcomed Cindy Farson back
- Michael Brown – Residents in the Harrison West & Battell area would like a piece of green space

Public Comments

None

Adjournment

There was a motion made by Commissioner Paul and seconded by Commissioner Wright. The meeting was adjourned at 9:27a.m.

Jeffrey McNealy, President

Tony A. Collins, Director