

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 – 4:00 PM

City Hall – 2nd Floor Open Planning Area

Present: Patt Send, Matthew Goldberger, Mary Murphy, Niels Heimeriks	Staff Present: Leah Rockwell, Sherry Wilson, Suzanne Berglund, Jessica Keller (Zoom), Anjali Ganesh, Lucy Morelos-Green
Absent: Michael Odum, Jacquelyn Taylor, Perry Douglas	Guest(s): Angela Ogburn

Topic	Discussion / Action / Follow Up
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by <i>Patt Sned</i> at 4:02 p.m.
	Motion made to approve February 13, 2024; minutes made by <i>Matthew Goldberger</i> with a second by <i>Niels Heimeriks</i> . All in favor.

New Business	<p>Discussion on Safe Routes to Schools and Parks – Parker Ave. – <i>Leah Rockwell</i> introduced Jessica Keller, Mobility and Transportation Manager, and Suzanne Berglund, Assistant Director of Engineering Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – <i>Suzanne Berglund</i> gave a brief overview of the Parker Avenue construction that will take place between Nottingham to Forest Hill Blvd. It will include an 8 to 10-foot multi-use pathway, landscape, lighting, and repaving of the roadway. – This is partially funded through FDOT, and the bid documents have been finalized but need to have approval from FDOT before they can be placed for bids. It’s anticipated to begin in late summer. <i>Matthew Goldberger</i> asked if there would be a physical barrier between the roadway and the sidewalk. <i>Suzanne Berglund</i> answered that there won’t be a physical barrier at this time, but there will be landscaping between the multi-use path, 11” of landscaping, and the curb. <i>Patt Send</i> asked if there was a sketch of the plans and <i>Suzanne Berglund</i> answered that she would locate the sketch from the Face of the City presentation and send it out. – <i>Patt Send</i> mentioned that this construction doesn’t reach the Southern entrance to Dreher Park, but what will happen at Summit at the turn? <i>Niels Heimeriks</i> stated that there is a bike lane on the road. <i>Suzanne Berglund</i> added that south of Summit, they were able to fit in a 10-ft. pathway, and north of Summit, they could only fit in an 8-ft. – <i>Leah Rockwell</i> mentioned that one of the concerns was getting the kids from Conniston Middle School to Dreher Park safely. Once the kids are past Publix, they will have access to the wider sidewalk and can enter the park from Summit or they can enter from Southdale. – <i>Jessica Keller</i> stated that she is in the process of updating the City’s bicycle masterplan, which is kicking off this month. With the update, they will be looking at the level of stress with the existing facilities and the planned facilities moving forward. They are also going to have the planned facilities have a separation from the cars and the existing facilities will be upgraded. Routes that are in this area, if they are not in the plan, will be reviewed whether they belong in the plan. <i>Niels Heimeriks</i> volunteered to help with the routes.
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Patt Sned</i> asked about the update for Washington Road. <i>Suzanne Berglund</i> answered they are finishing up construction after finding and removing a portion of an old septic tank at the corner of Avila and Washington. Heavy work is expected to be done in April and the roadways will be completely reopened shortly after. • <i>Suzanne Berglund</i> updated that George Petty Park has experienced a lot of beach erosion, the property to the north has built a seawall, and the relocation of a tree has caused instability in the soil. Because of this, she will schedule a meeting with Leah, Victor, the Director of Public Utilities and Kevin, the Director of Engineering to discuss what might be

	<p>done to bring more stabilization to the park. She will then bring the plan to PRAC after the internal meeting.</p> <p>Bond Projects Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Leah Rockwell</i> updated that the groundbreaking ceremony for Gaines Park is scheduled for April 5 at 10 a.m. Howard Park Tennis renovations are underway with the footers for the new court lighting being installed at the end of this week or next week, following that the clay courts can be rebuilt. - Phipps Park Restrooms and Concession stands should be completed by the end of April. Funds were found within this project to purchase a shade structure to be placed near the concession stand. The Skate Park demolition is completed, and the ramp forms are being molded and will have concrete poured over the forms. This is estimated to be completed between May and June. - Ribbon cutting for Echo Lake playground is March 20; Phipps Park playground is pending inspection; Blum Park playground has minor punch list items to be completed; Osprey Park playground is having the surfacing poured; and George Petty is being built but we are waiting for the park to be sodded by the contractor. - South Olive Tennis went through PPRC and there is a discussion being had about the setback requirements; we are asking to match the existing parking lot and tennis court setbacks. The Currie Park ITB is going to the state next week for review and approval, which can take between 7 to 14 days, and then it can be provided to the two prequalified contractors for bidding. The estimated time for the start of construction is mid-summer. - The boundless playground at Dreher Park is the only outstanding bond project as it is \$800K short as currently designed. <p>Penny Sales Tax</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coleman Park is expected to be turned over to the City in April for the IT installation and we expect to be in by the summer. The playground is being installed within the next month. - Howard Park Community Center is going through PPRC and looking to fine-tune the interior design in an attempt to bring the project within budget. <p>Boys and Girls Club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Leah Rockwell</i> had a meeting the week prior with The Boys & Girls Club’s consulting attorney and their special project’s coordinator, <i>Mary O’Conner</i>. <i>Nancy Urcheck</i> is one of the City’s Attorneys who has been drafting the lease agreement to be presented to Commission. We hope to have a draft to discuss at the next PRAC meeting. - For the lease agreement for the club on Pinewood Avenue the draft states that improvements and upkeep will be The Boys & Girls Club’s responsibility. This includes taking over the maintenance, such as the light fixtures and exterior of their building. The city is continuing to maintain the landscaping of the grassy area to the North of their building and the hedges. - <i>Patt Sned</i> asked about the status of the Cox Science Museum’s leasing agreement with the City of West Palm Beach. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> answered that the lease has already been sent to the Commission and will inform us once there is an update.
<p>Staff Comments / Updates</p>	<p>Afterschool Licensing of Pleasant City CC and Move</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Sherry Wilson</i> stated that Pleasant City’s Community Center has just received its Afterschool Licensing and the children that attended Gaines Park’s Community Center have been moved over to Pleasant City. The transition has been going very well and will continue to be operating this way while Gaines Park is under construction for an estimated 18 – 24 months.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coleman Park Community Center’s Afterschool Licensing is in the process and is being managed by <i>Erin Paige</i>. We aim to possibly add F.O.O.S.A. (Fun Out of School Activities) programming to Coleman Park in the future. <p>Programming Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Leah Rockwell</i> detailed the programming and events currently taking place including Youth Soccer happening at Howard Park and early voting happening at Gaines Park. - <i>Sherry Wilson</i> added that Spring Break camp takes place next week, March 18 – 22, 2024. Spring Break camp will be held at Pleasant City and South Olive for the younger children and the teens will be at Vedado and the Mary McDonald Wilson Center at Gaines Park. - <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated that the Annual Egg Hunt will be at Howard Park on March 30th, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.
Board Comments	No board comments.
Public Comment	No public comments.
Next Meeting	Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in room 519, City Hall.
Meeting Adjourned	<i>Niels Heimeriks</i> made a motion to adjourn. Second by <i>Matthew Goldberger</i> . All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.