

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
October 19, 2023

Present:

- Ned Michie, Gustavo (Gus) Colom, Denny Berry (Vice Chair), Hosea Mitchell (planning commission) Jackie Webber, Jeff Fracher

Absent:

- Jennifer McKeever, Jessica Jackson

Staff:

- Will Bassett, Avery Watkins, Chris Gensic

Public Matters

- No one from public present

Adoption of Minutes

- Minutes approved- April 2023

Administrative items:

- N/A

Action Items:

- N/A

Information Items:

- Mike Svetz from PPROs Consulting gave a thorough overview of the new Dept. Master Plan. Mike went over the timeline, the development plan and what LPDA will be doing in the next few months.
 - The Presentation was sent to H. Mitchell and N. Michie to review and share with other advisory board members. The advisory board had various questions for Mike S at the conclusion of the presentation.
- Department Update
 - Chris G gave an update on land acquisition in the city. He acquired 8.5 acres across the creek from Azalea Park. It currently has the IRC community gardens on it and will support the Moores Creek Greenway trail soon.

- Chris also gave an update on the forest mulching and invasive plant control with the use of Goat Busters.
- Avery Watkins gave an update on dept wide vacancies and the plan to get positions filled, an update on the Key road replacement and the status of the Tonsler Parking Lot project.
- Will Bassett gave an update on the department Budget and presented it to the advisory board. He also gave an update on the golf contract. The advisory board pushed to ensure affordability and a quality concession contractor.

Chairman's Matters

- None

Board Matters

- Bylaws were reviewed in specific:
 - Section VI- Attendance of Members
 - Reviewed
 - 4/7 new members to school board. After new school board is set, they will decide if they want to continue on the COC Parks and Recreation- Advisory Council.
 - Recruiting plan and tactics were discussed to attract more members. Board asked for notices to be sent out via city comms and posting on City and CPRD website.

Directors Matters

New Member wanting to join board.

Closed Meeting

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Respectfully submitted,

Avery Watkins, Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation

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