

Leisure Services Commission Minutes
Thursday, Mar. 19, 2020 7:00 pm
Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Carver, Burrell, Johnson, Neuendorf, Pins, Solheim, Winter
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
COUNCIL PRESENT: Birgen
STAFF PRESENT: Riordan
VISITORS: None

SUMMARY OF FORMAL ACTION: Chairperson Neuendorf called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Motion: To approve Jan. 16, 2020 minutes as presented changing the time for the Candlelight Ski to 5:00-7:00.

06-20	Moved: Johnson	Seconded: Carver
Yes: 7	No: 0	Absent: 0

Regular Business

1. South Riverside Park Shelter Review

Carver questioned the layout of the shelter and of the other amenities in the area. Riordan stated that the location of the shelter would be in the same location as the old railroad station and parks building. The concrete would be replaced but the footprint would be the same. Solheim suggested possibly rotating the shelter to be parallel with the Exchange Building. There was discussion of a sidewalk not going straight through to get to the bike trail. As a whole the Commission felt that this was necessary. Birgen asked about where bikes would be able to park that were coming off the trail. There is no splash pad in this drawing. Riordan said that is something that will be done later if a splash pad is still desired in this location. Carver would like to see a drawing with dimensions and be able to move things around. Carve will sketch another drawing.

2. Prairie Park and Shelter and Basketball Slab Review

Riordan reported that plans were moving ahead for the Prairie Park Shelter and Basketball Slab. The City will purchase materials and the neighborhood will pay for construction and/or have a volunteer build. Prairie Park is located in NE Waverly behind Tumbleweed Trail.

3. Clearing of In Town Trails During Winter

Riordan requested that this be removed from the agenda as it would be better discussed in person at a later date.

Motion: To remove Item #3 from the agenda to be discussed at a later meeting.

07-20	Moved: Carver	Seconded: Neuendorf
Yes: 7	No: 0	Absent: 0

4. Wind Sculpture

Riordan said that he would be ordering the wind sculpture in the next couple of weeks. It will be a Double Helix that is 6'7" tall. It needs to be installed by the end of May since it is being purchased with grant money. South Riverside will be under construction at that time, or soon after. So it makes sense to place the sculpture in the Big 6, especially with the recommendation of the Design

Committee. Neuendorf asked if it was possible that there could possibly be a memorial bench added to the area. Riordan said that he has been in contact with someone interested in placing a memorial bench and that would be a good spot.

Director's Report:

- Currently City Hall is closed to Public. Parks, Dog Park, Golf Course, and trails are open.
- Riordan reported that the budget has been passed.
- On Jan. 30 there was a neighborhood meeting to discuss the plan for Youth Ball Diamonds. The citizens were focused on flooding and traffic with a few other concerns. The next Riordan reached out to all adjacent property owners and neighbors along Crestwood Ave. who had attended the meeting to invite them to a smaller meeting with himself and City Engineer, Mike Cherry to discuss each individual property owners' concerns. They had 5 or 6 meetings and got a lot of good information. Most of the concern deals with the North Parking lot and privacy separating their lots from the ball diamonds. Riordan has a meeting next week to view 90% finished grading plans
- Bids are due tomorrow for Streetscape
- The Easter egg hunt at the Dog Park has been cancelled. May plan something like it for July. The WOLF group is also discussing planting prairie grass in areas of the dog park.
- Waverly was 1 of 3 Cities to receive the Healthy Hometown Award powered by Wellmark. Traffic Calming, nicotine free park spaces, and downtown walkability were all contributing factors.
- Riordan has been contacted by the Waterloo/Cedar Falls symphony to perform an Independence themed concert on July 5th at the Amphitheater. The cost for the City is \$1,000.00. Last year they had approximately 500 people attend.

Chairperson Report:

- Johnson reported that there was 54 people and "a few" dogs for the Candlelight Ski. Most people walked the trail, but there were a few skiers, and some bikes. It was a very nice night for it.

Reports and Communications:

- Riordan included a Letter of Commendation for Parks, Vegetation Management, Cemetery and Sewer Line Maintenance divisions. There were 6 burials in the span of 4 days in not very favorable conditions. Divisions worked together to make sure that all 6 burials were achieved. Riordan stated that the City is fortunate to have the staff that it does.

Next Meeting:

April 16, 2020

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Garret Riordan
Commission Secretary
Leisure Services Director