

PLEASANT HILL PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION

March 10, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chair Loren Lown called the regular meeting of the Pleasant Hill Park and Recreation Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Gary Denning, David Dunfee, Anne Johns, Loren Lown, Dan Schmitz, Olivia Smith and Penny Thomsen. Absent: None.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

DUNFEE/SMITH moved to approve the agenda. Ayes: Denning, Dunfee, Johns, Lown, Schmitz, Smith, Thomsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2016 REGULAR MEETING

SMITH/THOMSEN moved to approve the minutes. Ayes: Denning, Dunfee, Johns, Lown, Schmitz, Smith, Thomsen. Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. TIME TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION (5 MINUTE LIMIT) – None

5. NEW BUSINESS – None

6. REPORTS

a. Master Park Plan Update – Commissioner Smith reported that the focus group had met with Confluence on March 1, 2016. Focus Groups have been established and will be meeting on March 23 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and March 24 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Confluence plans to finalize the master plan in late May or early June. They are open to suggestions and ideas of what the community is wanting. It is important for the commissioners to be available for guidance and prioritizing items once the plan is formed.

b. Water Trails Input Map Information – Rick Courcier presented information on the Water Trails map. There is an interactive map on their website where you can click and drag things you would like to see along the water trails. The trail is from Saylorville to Red Rock Lake. This is similar to the bike trails map that was used in the past. Dates and times will be provided to the commissioners regarding open houses as the information is received. Participation is encouraged.

c. 2016/2017 Budget Update – The budget was approved by the City Council on March 8, 2016. Rick Courcier and Heath Ellis discussed the CIP projects that were included in the upcoming budget year for the parks. These improvements include replacing drinking fountains in Copper Creek Lake area with new park id signs as well as south shoreline and walkway improvements. Sidewalk improvements are scheduled for Oak Hill Park. These improvements will increase accessibility to the area. Doanes Park will have sidewalk/roadway repairs. Field 3 is scheduled for improvements including outfield fence. The improvements to field 3 are for community use as well as little league. The commons area around the concession stand area will be upgraded as well as replace two drinking fountains in the park. A drinking fountain and meter pit are to be installed at the Christie Lane Park. Money has been allocated for trail repairs as well as new trail development and info hub signage. The Youngstown Trail is scheduled to begin development soon. The Des Moines River boat ramp area requires repairs to the roadway and parking because of the late fall flooding. A new mobile power washer for use in the parks as well as a replacement skid loader is scheduled for the next fiscal year.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS/COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

a. Informational Topics – Chair Lown discussed having educational updates on a regular basis at the meetings. These could include information about the Des Moines Bicycle Coalition; trail work; urban forestry; storm water management; turf management; etc. Please send suggestions for topics to Rick Courcier.

b. Commissioner Comments - Olivia Smith reported that a friend had commented to her on how nice the new pergola swing at Copper Creek Lake looks. Gary Denning reported that there were 44 kids at the new playground in Doanes Park. There has been lots of use at this park.

8. ADJOURNMENT – DENNING/THOMSEN moved to adjourn. Ayes: Denning, Dunfee, Johns, Lown, Schmitz, Smith, Thomsen. Nays: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

- NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING – April 14, 2016