

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

July 9th, 2024 – 4:04 PM

City Hall – 2nd Floor - Open Planning Area

Present: Niels Heimeriks, Patt Sned, Mary Murphy, Perry Douglas, Matthew Goldberger, Jacquelyn Taylor

Staff Present: Leah Rockwell, Sherry Wilson, Linda Madigan, Vladimir Jeannot

Absent: Michael Odum, Phil Growick

Guest(s): All Site – Shawn Ness and Ezra Sheffield

Topic Discussion / Action / Follow Up

Call to Order Meeting called to order by *Patt Sned* at 4:04 p.m.
Motion made to approve June 11th, 2024; minutes made by *Perry Douglas* with a second by *Jacquelyn Taylor*. All in favor.

New Business — None

Old Business Bond Projects Update –

- *Coleman Park* – Colman Park Community Center - *Leah Rockwell* introduced *Shawn Ness*, project manager and *Ezra Sheffield*, owner, of All Site, the contractor working on the Coleman Park Project. *Vlad Jeannot* is also present. *Shawn* gave a presentation showing their progress on the gymnasium and the community center improvements. Substantial completion for the gymnasium is August 2nd, 2024. The building won't be usable as there is still sitework going on around it. With community center renovations and site work, the substantial completion date is August 29th, 2024. There are 45 days for punch list items to be completed after the substantial completion date. All Site stated they hope to get everything done before the 45 days. *Perry Douglas* asked *Shawn* if they are confident that they will be done by August 29th, 2024. *Shawn* replied that they are confident the date will be met. Members of PRAC complimented All Site on the work they have done and are doing. *Ezra Sheffield* thanked the board for their patience in allowing them to get the project completed. *Leah Rockwell* stated that there is Penny Sales Tax and Bond funding in the project. *Vladimir Jeannot*, the city's project manager, stated that there is signage, dedicated to city employee, *Paul Blackshear*, that has been approved. They are working with All Site to get that installed before the completion date.
- *Currie Park* – *Leah Rockwell* stated that the city held the ITB pre-bid meeting. *Vladimir Jeannot* stated they had a lot of interest from good vendors. The bid closes August 16th, 2024. *Pat Sned* asked were there just two bids? *Leah Rockwell* stated that Florida Commerce told us that we could no longer go with just the two vendors who met the requirements in the original pre-qualifying bid. They have changed their position on their permission to let us do a prequalification and let us go with these prequalified vendors. They have instructed us to open it up to anyone.
- *Phipps Skate Park* – *Leah Rockwell* stated that the new roof is on. The perimeter new fence will be put in next. The building has been painted. The painters are going to paint the edges of the ramps yellow.
- *Baseball Complex* – *Leah Rockwell* stated that the bathrooms are completed, concession stand is complete, and the shade structure is up. We are waiting for baseball season to start in fall to have a formal ribbon cutting with the Major.
- *Gaines Park* – *Leah Rockwell* stated the gymnasium wall has been demolished. They have finished the interior demolition and are now doing the exterior demolition.
- *Osprey Park* – *Leah Rockwell* stated that we are about to take to Commission the request to accept a donation of \$50k from a developer. The money will be used for

security cameras in the park We have bond money to match this \$50k should the cost come in over the \$50K.

- *South Olive – Tennis Courts and Parking Lot – Leah Rockwell* stated that the bids are out and should be back next week.
- *Dreher Park Playground – Leah Rockwell* stated that we are still looking at other ways and means to fund it.
- *Lincoln Park – Leah Rockwell* stated we are still looking at putting the bid back out for field lighting as the original bid and design came on double the budget.
- *Brian Chapel Fishing Pier – Leah Rockwell* stated she went to the annual F.I.N.D. board meeting in Cocoa Beach and gave the same presentation for the Waterway Assistance Grant. We are confident we will get funded. *Perry Douglas* asked when we will know, and *Leah Rockwell* stated most likely in a couple of weeks.
- *George Petty Park – Leah Rockwell* stated that the playground, swings, irrigation, and sod is in. A new split rail perimeter fence and a drinking fountain were installed. There will be an official reopening of Washington Road and we will do a joint reopening for the park. *Leah Rockwell* stated she will keep the board informed of when that will be. *Mary Murphy* stated she saw them painting the stripes and putting the fence in today. *Niels Heimeriks* asked if there is adequate shade around the playground and *Leah Rockwell* responded there are giant trees providing shade. *Matthew Goldberger* asked about the beach in the park and the erosion issue. *Vladimir Jeannot* stated we are waiting for the current contractor to finish and will have another contractor to stabilize the shoreline. *Patt Sned* asked if that would be a new seawall. *Vladimir Jeannot* stated that the drainage needs to be fixed. A possible seawall option would be a buried one. *Niels Heimeriks* asked about putting in a living shoreline. *Leah Rockwell* stated we will talk about the possibility with the new contractor.
- *Blum Park – Leah Rockwell* stated we will be completely rebuilding the splashpad. This requires some redesign work. We are working with a contractor that will have a sub-contractor prepare design for construction docs and then complete the construction. It is taking a little longer than anticipated as it now requires a new set of design plans.

Penny Sales Tax – Information covered in Bond Projects – Coleman, Gaines.

Public Works Bond

- *Leah Rockwell* stated that regarding the restrooms at Dreher Park, she spoke to Don Gustafson and hoped to have groundbreaking in August.

General Fund Projects

- *Lincoln Park Basketball Courts – Leah Rockwell* stated because of the rain we could not line them. Once they are lined, it will take three weeks to cure. Then the courts will be reopened.
- *Bill Moss Paseo Fields – Leah Rockwell* stated that the scope is in and the ITB is out for the rebuild.

— **Comments:**

- **Future Presentations:** *Leah Rockwell* stated that she will ask the architect for the Howard Park Community Center to come and do a presentation for PRAC in August. The project manager for Currie Park was out of town this week so was unable to be here. We hope to have him here next month to give a presentation to PRAC regarding the designs and plans.

- **Summer Programs:** *Sherry Wilson* stated we just kicked off our second session of our summer camp this week. Skate camp will start on the 22nd of July. We are getting prepared to get our fall sports underway, for soccer, adult softball, and flag football. *Jacquelyn Taylor* asked if all the camps were full. *Sherry Wilson* confirmed they were

**Staff
Comments /
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	<p>all full except for a couple of specialty camps that had some openings. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated that sailing camp has finished, and swimming is booming. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated that the 4th on Flagler event was a great success.</p> <p>— General Parks Update: <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated we have summer rain but not as much as we typically get. We are hoping for more rain to help with making our parks a little greener.</p> <p>— Hurricane: <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated that we continue to prepare. Considering what has been happening in The Grenadines, Texas etc. with hurricanes and tornados we take hurricane preparedness seriously and in our staff trainings.</p> <p>— Proclamation From Major: <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated at the commission meeting yesterday the Major presented a proclamation stating that the month of July is Parks and Recreation Month and July 19th is Parks and Recreation Professionals Day. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated that she thanked the PRAC board members for their insight, oversight, knowledge, support, and encouragement in her speech.</p> <p>— Brian Chapel Park Fishing Pier: <i>Mary Murphy</i> asked about the sailboat and how it will be removed. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated it is not in our waters so Fish and Wildlife must remove it, but she will keep an eye on it. <i>Mary Murphy</i> stated that if any help is needed from the neighborhood association to please let her know.</p> <p>— Dreher Park North Playground: <i>Niels Heimeriks</i> spoke about the hold on the playpark because it is too expensive, and he asked is there an opportunity to be able to look at the plans. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated yes, she is having a meeting next week to look at it. A part of the EPA grant shows funding towards the playground, but we must wait. We may phase it in or downsize it to be able to build it. <i>Jacquelyn Taylor</i> asked can we look at the plans at the next meeting and <i>Leah Rockwell</i> said yes. <i>Pat Sned</i> stated that she went to a meeting that Dreher Park Neighborhood Association had with the Cox Science Center about the grant. She was disturbed that the neighborhood association and the science museum had been involved and PRAC had been left out of it. <i>Patt Sned</i> stated that we have given up so much green space to the Boys & Girls club and the Cox Science Center already and she is concerned. <i>Niels Heimeriks</i> asked if the city was involved. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> confirmed that we are now involved. We met with the grant writer and told him that the city is the owner of the land, and the partner in this grant should be the city and not the neighborhood association. We are appreciative of the neighborhood association and recognize that they are great stewards of the park but any improvements that happens in that park must go in front of the City Commission it does not go before the Dreher Park Neighborhood Association, so it is imperative that the Cox Science Center work with the city. Also, the Cox Science Center needs to collaborate with the Director of Public Utilities as it is the city storm water, and he needs to be involved. <i>Pat Sned</i> stated the Boys & Girls Club didn't involve the city previously also, and that they went to the neighborhood association instead of PRAC or the city. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated she explained to the grant writer for the Cox Science Center that he needs to come to PRAC so PRAC knows what is going on.</p>
Board Comments	<p>— None</p>
Public Comment	
Next Meeting	Tuesday, August 13 th , 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the 2 nd Floor Open Planning Area, City Hall.
Meeting Adjourned	<i>Patt Sned</i> made a motion to adjourn at 4:56pm. Second by <i>Matthew Goldberger</i> . All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.