



Garden City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Minutes
May 23, 2022

I. Call Meeting to Order

Vice-Chair, Erich Schaefer called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. on May 23, 2022 with members Marilyn Porter and Brian Wilson present. Prithvy Murthy and Isidro Marino were not in attendance. Staff included Parks and Recreation Director, Aaron Stewart, Superintendent, Jared Rutti and Finance Coordinator, Jessica Wikoff.

II. Approval of Agenda

Marilyn Porter moved to approve the agenda as presented. Brian Wilson seconded the motion; motion carried.

III. Public Comment

No members of the public were present for comment.

IV. Consent Agenda

The following shall stand approved/accepted as presented unless action is taken to remove an item from the consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Advisory Board Meeting held on February 28, 2022
- Staff/Participation Reports for April 2022

There being no comments or questions, the consent agenda stands as approved.

V. Superintendent's Report

Athletics: Superintendent, Jared Rutti informed the board that two new employees have been onboarded. They are Garth Helton who will primarily work in Athletics and Emmery Ristvedt who will work as the Aquatics Specialist and Special Event Coordinator in the off season.

With ball season upon us, Jared reported that the batting cages at Clint Lightner and Tangeman Complex have been completed. Cleaver Field batting cages are underway and should be completed by the next board meeting. Other ballfield upgrades include new scoreboards at Peebles Complex and Cleaver Field. These systems are much brighter for spectators and much easier to use for staff.

In total the summer baseball and softball program are up by 14 registered teams this summer. Adult softball season has been delayed by a week due to the spring season running behind.

Jared also reported that O'Brate Gymnastics Center will transition into summer hours. The evening class schedule will remain the same, but additional classes and have been added to the morning hours as well as three additional open gyms.

Fitness: Renovations are nearly complete. Mirrors will be removed from the 6th St. location and moved over to Core Fitness.

And finally, Jared asked the board to stop in at Clint Lighter to view the new sponsor boards.

Arts: The summer movie schedule has been released and the showing will start in a couple of weeks. In addition, two theater productions will be shown this summer. Into the Woods, Jr. is available for youth and Crybaby will be available for youth and adults to participate in.

VI. Financial Reports for April 2022

Jessica Wikoff presented the financial report for April 2022. The largest item to note was the tax incentive that was allocated to the account. The remaining revenues and expenses are tracking per the previous year.

VII. Director's Report

Aaron Stewart shared the status of the GCPR Master Plan. The consultants will plan to present their findings at the June 7th commission meeting. Staff will begin meeting with the team to go over the results prior the commission meeting.

He also shared the latest developments concerning the Southeast Community Park project. SWT staff was able to garner lots of community input on the park designs as a result of staff attending the Charles Stones and Victor Ornelas Open Houses in addition to the online survey that was shared on facebook and Instagram.

Per the Commission's directive a committee was formed to review Ice Rink feasibility studies. Upon interviewing three consultants, Hunden Strategic Partners was selected to be presented to the Commission for review. If the commission agrees, the next step will be negotiating a contract agreement.

The Scout Park Skatepark project is still underway. The Spohn Ranch team gathered the community survey results and have been working on design concepts based on those results. These concepts will be presented at our next meeting. Meanwhile, staff continues to research funding opportunities.

The following locations/projects have been identified as items to complete within the next 18 months:

- Restrooms at Rotary Park along the Talley Trail
- Cleaver restroom replacement/Cleaver Renovations
- Trail connections and entryway landscaping for Chappel Heights Housing Development

VIII. New Business

No new business was presented for discussion at this time.

IX. Unfinished Business

The group photo session was tabled for the next meeting when all members are present.

X. Garden City Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Questions and Comments

No questions or comments were presented for discussion at this time.

XI. Adjournment

The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, June 27th at 12:00 p.m. at the Garden City Parks and Recreation building in Classroom 1. There being no further business, Marilyn moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Jessica Wikoff
Finance Coordinator

Approved: _____

