

## **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

**4:00 p.m., May 8, 2024**

**Santa Fe Park Pavilion**

### **MINUTES**

**Attendance**—Chairman Terrence Gallagher, Vice Chairman Tyler Agniel, Matthew Geary, David Gleason, Randy Knight, Kendall McGreevy, Caety Meyer, Matthew Moeder, Jay Moorman, Kevin Murphy, Lauren Ozburn; Staff: Meghan Buum, James Carney, Melissa Prenger

**Public Participation**—None

### **Reports**

1. Chairperson's Report—Terrence Gallagher opened the meeting. He amended the agenda to remove the Diversity Committee panel review because they are still not a place that the implementation will impact the parks. Approval of the panel itself will come from the City Council, and following that approval, the Parks Committee will weigh in on the placement, look, and feel of the monument at a future meeting.

The Council is in the midst of the 2025 budget process and have approved the Parks CIP, which includes the following items for 2025:

- Franklin Park historical marker and new pour in play surfacing
  - Initial funding for Windsor Park trail and playset
  - Shaffer Park fountain light replacements/LED conversion
2. Recreation Report—Meghan Buum reported that hiring for the summer is complete and the pool is fully staffed. Recreation programs and pool pass sales are well underway. She announced the introduction of a new, in-house swim lessons program. Prior to 2020, lessons had been offered through JCPRD, however, they had been unable to staff them in recent years.
  3. Public Works Report—James Carney provided the following updates:

The Grounds Crew has been focused on the following priorities this spring:

- Fertilizing turf.
- Maintaining the sports fields – baseball diamonds require a lot of work in the spring due to baseball season practices and the disturbance to the infield after each rain.
- Keeping up with mowing and trimming grass, as well as weed control – it all grows fast when it rains every other day with sunshine in between!
- Decorative fountain maintenance.
- Tennis court maintenance – we have five weekends in a row of tennis tournaments!
- Additional replacement nature play supplies have been ordered for several locations.
- McCrum Park swing set on order.

Upcoming:

- Play stream at Franklin Park to be turned on later in May.
- Drinking fountains – just discovered the plumbing contractor has not finished turning all drinking fountains on for the season.
- Tennis court light repair and adjustment for Windsor and Taliaferro Parks.
- Fox4 damaged the new grass at Windsor Park in February because their reporter decided to drive the news van over fresh, wet grass to get right next to the pickleball courts for a live news shot without requesting permission via a Right-of-Way Permit. They are footing the bill (\$5,000) for new sod, installation, and 21 days of watering the new sod to make up for their error in judgement.
- Stone repairs around Santa Fe pavilion.
- Grill installation at Taliaferro Park.

**Pool:**

- Final painting of lap pool and adult pool scheduled this Friday.
- Dive well – significant leak found when starting this pool; team has been troubleshooting and running down variables for the last week; prognosis unknown as of today.

Melissa Prenger announced that the Council approved the previously discussed Taliaferro improvements to include an inclusive play area. The City applied and received a grant for pour in play surfacing. The Windsor restrooms have opened.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Minutes from February 7, 2024—Kevin Murphy moved to approve, Jay Moorman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Old Business—None**

**New Business—None**

**Park Tours**

1. Harmon Park—The committee reviewed and toured improvements underway at Harmon Park to include the inclusive play area, renovated shelter, and new restroom.
2. Windsor Park—The committee reviewed and toured improvements at Windsor Park to include the new restroom and pickleball courts. New play equipment and updated trails are scheduled in the 2026 CIP.

**Information Items**

*Meeting Schedule*

- September 11, 2024
- October 9, 2024
- November 13, 2024

**Adjournment**