

MINUTES OF THE PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022 IN THE CITY HALL AUDITORIUM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Park & Recreation Advisory Board meeting of the City of Columbia, Illinois held Tuesday, March 22, 2022 was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Sarah Clarke at 5:00 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISH QUORUM

Roll was called with the following attendance noted.

Members Present: Kathi Boyer-Edwards, Sarah Clarke, Lauren Darr, Becky Hunt, Kara Lamack, Glenn Melching, Matt Klopmeier

Members Absent: Dave Bernhard, Chris Grode

Quorum present.

City Staff & Officials Present: Scott Dunakey (Director of Community Development), Chris Smith (City Engineer), Mary Ellen Niemietz (Alderman)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Tuesday, February 22, 2022 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting were submitted for approval.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Melching and seconded by Member Boyer-Edwards to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, February 22, 2022 Park & Recreation Advisory Board meeting as submitted. Upon a roll call vote, all members present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

Vice-Chairperson Clarke asked for public input.

No meeting attendees offered comment.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review and recommendation of proposed expenditures from the Park Improvement Fund for the FY2023 budget (5/1/2022 – 4/30/2023).

Mr. Dunakey presented the staff report.

The Board discussed general fund projects and maintenance. The opportunity to direct some of the cannabis revenues to parks was also discussed.

MOTION: It was moved by Member Boyer-Edwards and seconded by Member Hunt that the Advisory Board recommend approval of the requested projects and Park Improvement Fund expenditures proposed for FY2023 with the amendment to add to the Proposed FY2023 Projects "Playground Inspection" with the expenditure to be determined. Upon a voice vote,

all members present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED 7-0.

b. Discussion of upcoming park conditions assessment.

Mr. Dunakey presented the conditions assessment materials.

The Board agreed that Mr. Dunakey should choose a weekend and check with the Board to see what would work best for everyone.

Board member Lamack left the meeting early.

7. STAFF REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

The Board requested that the capital funding campaign for the Play Foundation be included on the next agenda.

Mr. Dunakey stated he would email the Board the Comprehensive Plan Open House flyer.

8. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairperson Clarke entertained a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Motion to adjourn was made by Chairperson Boyer-Edwards and seconded by Member Melching. Upon a voice vote, all members present voted yes. MOTION CARRIED 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 P.M.