BRYANT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA MINUTES
January 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Call to order
In attendance: Renee Curtis, Amanda Jolly, Lynn Farmer, Richard McKeown, Jason Whittington, Cody Crist

Others: Chris Treat, Keith Cox, Jordan O'Rourke, Jack Mosley, Butch Higginbotham, Mayor Allen Scott

Directors Report
Treat reported the following: Alcoa 40 pavilion should be completed with a grand opening when the weather gets nights. Tennis/pickleball courts post tension slab will be poured so weather permitting. Mills Park Pavilion 1 renovations are complete waiting on power to be restored after the Tennis/pickleball courts are done. Basketball is going well 780 kids in the league. Thanks to the school district for allowing the dept. to use elementary school gyms. Baseball and softball start next week. This is the beginning of parks busiest season. Treat will bring a list of capital improvement list for 2023 to the committee next month. Parks received 160K grant to complete the Mills Park inclusive playground the goal is to have the construction done by the time school is out.
Richard McKowen thanked the dept for the work done in a safety sign at Mills and fencing on the north side of Springhill Park.
Richard McKowen asked about how the basketball participation numbers compare to past years. Cox said the numbers have gone up from 500 or so participants pre Covid to almost 800 now.

Public Comments: None

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Chairperson
Renee Curtis nominated Amanda Jolly to serve as committee chair. Lynn Famer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2023 Meeting Dates
Jason Whittington made motions to meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month in 2023 in the Parks Admin Building Conf. Room. Lynn Farmer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Concessions Contract
Do to circumstance out of the Dept control a new concessionaire was needed for basketball and baseball. Due to the timing the contract needed to be in place before the year started thus the need to waive competitive bidding. Cox explained the concessionaire does concessions for Benton Parks and manages the Bryant Chic-fil-a. The contract is the same as the one the dept had with the previous concessionaire.

Richard McKowen had a few points of clarification and additions to protect the city. Is there a provision for contractors to require background checks for their employees. McKowen also asked about fees specifically adding language about fins and sanctions. Curtis pointed out the contract does not currently have language about background checks and noted a few places a provision could be put in the contract. The dept will get the City Attorneys opinion on these questions before the contract goes to City Council.
Richard McKowen asked about the business name if its an LLC or not. The contract doesn't the business is an LLC. McKowen noted the code food truck concession on the city website. He suggested the section of the code be added to the contract.

Renee Curtis made a motion to approve the contract with amendments suggested by the City Attorney. Jason Whittington seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Joyce Boswell Emeritus Status
Richard McKowen made a motion Joyce Boswell be granted Emeritus Status. Lynn Farmer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Richard McKowen asked that we look into Wifi service for the parks. McKowen mentioned an estimate of 10-15K to have Wifi at Bishop. After discussion the dept will report back to the committee with more information.

McKowen also asked about the restrooms being closed when baseball and softball practice start. Sometimes do to cold weather the dept does keep the restrooms closed after practice starts. The department communicates these closures to the associations. McKowen also asked about the fence on the west side of the A complex. Cox explained it was put there to stop the parking on the road during league practice and games.

Lynn Farmer asked for an update on the pool roof repairs. Treat will report back as soon as he has a firm date.

Adjourn
Renee Curtis made motion to Adjourn. Motion seconded by Lynn Farmer. Motion passed unanimously