BRYANT PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
AGENDA MINUTES
April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Call to order
In attendance: Renee Curtis, Amanda Jolly, Lynn Farmer, Ashley O'Rourke, Cody Crist

Others: Chris Treat, Keith Cox, Jack Mosley, City Attorney Ashley Clancy

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Cody Crist seconded by Renee Curtis to approve the January 2023 minutes. Motion passed

Directors Report
Project Update

Mills all-inclusive playground phase 2 construction will begin in May. The goal is to keep the playground opened as much as possible.

Tennis and Pickleball might be finished the end of April, but due to weather the surfacing contractor is behind worst case scenario it will be finished late May.

We are still waiting on motors to arrive to repair the Aquatics roof repair.

Tourney Schedule – Keith Cox presented the 2023 tourney schedule.
USA Swim Grant – The Parks Department was awarded a USA Swim Grant to help cover costs to provide swimming lessons for members of Boys & Girls Club during the summer.

City Council Workshop Update –
Treat began the discussion with some comments he felt needed to be on the record.

1. Bryant residents expect excellent parks. When Bishop Park was built, we communicated parks are a priority in our community. Current and future residents expect us to take care of what we have and expand our system as the community grows.
2. Bryant Parks is a non-profit. We are not beholden to stock holders to make a profit. We are beholden to citizens for service. We do track our self-generated revenue and out perform the national averages and other comparable departments in the state.
3. The Parks Director does not set the budget for Parks. The Parks budget is set by The Bryant City Council. During the yearly budget process the Director works with the Parks Leadership Team to create a budget. That budget is submitted to the Mayor and Finance director. Through a number of workshops and meetings The Mayor and Finance director make necessary changes to the Parks budget and other budgets submitted by other City Departments in order to present a balanced budget to council. The final step in the budgeting process is a vote by City Council to approve the budget.
4. Under out current budget system we have no designated capital improvement funding for major repairs for expansion.

On April 6th Bryant City Council held a workshop to discuss a step and grade pay increase for Public Safety they improved that has created a major deficit in the budget. The Mayor presented several options for how the Council might deal with this budget shortfall. After hearing and discussing the options presented by the Mayor the Parks Committee decided to add a recommendation to Council to the meeting agenda.

Public Comments: None

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation to City Council

Renee Curtis made a motion to add a recommendation to council to the agenda. Motion seconded by Lynn Farmer. Motion passed.

Cody Crist made a motion to recommend Bryant City Council allow the residents of Bryant to vote on an A&P Tax (3% on hotels, 2% on restaurants) 80% designated to Bryant Parks Department. Motion seconded by Renee Curtis. Motion passed.

Adjourn

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