

Minutes of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting

January 30, 2016 Work Session

The January 30, 2016 Work Session of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board was convened at 9:11 am at the University of Tennessee Arboretum Auditorium with Alan Tatum, Chair, presiding.

Roll Call

Present: Steve Dittner, Ray Garrett, Kevin Hoyt, David Kitzmiller, Fay Martin, Dan Robbins and Alan Tatum.

Absent: Naomi Asher, Ken Rueter.

Appearance and Citizen Comments

None

Board Work Plan Development

- Review City organizational structure (Alan).
- Review Recreation & Parks Advisory Board purpose (Alan).
- Review 2015 work plan, including a discussion of completed, ongoing and unaddressed tasks in the 2015 plan.
- Recommendation to tweak the existing plan, rather than start with a blank sheet of paper (Ray). The rest of the Board concurs.
- Discussion of the Board members individual areas of interest and the need for Board members to keep the broad view of the Department in mind as priorities for the 2016 work plan are developed (Alan).
- A revised work plan for 2016 was developed as the Board did a point-by-point review of the 2015 plan and considered new work to add to the plan.
- The draft plan developed by the Board is attached. It will be distributed to the Board for review and voted on at the February 11, 2016 regular meeting of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51am.

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High Priority Activities and Goals

- 1) International Friendship Bell Pavilion (Alan Tatum)
 - a) Work with the NPS to incorporate the Bell as a focal feature of the MPNHP
 - b) Pursue funding opportunities with Fundraising Committee
 - c) Finalize engineering design package
 - d) Work in conjunction with, and report progress to, the City Manager, City Council, and Parks Director

- 2) Complete Community and Corporate Donation Guides (Naomi Asher)
 - a) Develop Corporate Donation Guide
 - b) Perform annual review and update of the Community Guide

- 3) Trail Development
 - a) East Fork Poplar Creek Trail (Ray Garrett)
 - b) Parking spaces for North Ridge Trail (Ray Garrett)
 - c) Rails to Trails: Elza Gate to Y12 (as needed)
 - d) Support the development of multi-use trails (Run, Hike, Bike) at Gallagher point/bend in partnership with DOE and Legacy Parks Foundation as an expansion to the Gallagher Greenway (Ken Rueter)
 - e) Assist in the North Boundary greenway and associated trails effort to address with DOE, TDEC, and TWRA the establishment of a multi-use (Run, Hike, Bike) designation for the BORCE and a majority of the existing trails (McKinney Ridge, Gallagher) (Ken Rueter)
 - f) Coordinate the various trail organizations (Steve Dittner)

- 4) Evaluate Clark Center Park Options if Requested

- 5) Evaluate Grant Proposals and Opportunities as Needed

- 6) Long Range Planning (Alan Tatum/David Kitzmiller)
 - a) Review, update, and prioritize the Capital Improvement Plan including capital maintenance and amenities
 - b) Submit an annual report

- 7) Pursue Opportunities to Promote the Oak Ridge Recreation and Parks Program
 - a) Develop a concise 20-minute promotional PowerPoint presentation (Alan Tatum)
 - b) Explore the feasibility of implementing a free kids fishing day in June (Kevin Hoyt)

8) Work with the National Park Service on Matters Pertaining to Recreation and Parks (Dan Robbins)

9) Evaluate the possibility of integrating the U.T. Arboretum trail system with City trails (Kevin Hoyt)

Alan Tatum

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