

CITY OF PIEDMONT – PARK & RECREATION BOARD
George Fina Municipal Building 314 Edmond Road NW
Wednesday, August 21, 2019 6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Dr. Paul Francel, Rebecca Anderson & Charo Guillory.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shelly Williamson & Abbie Hamblin

STAFF PRESENT: City Secretary Valorie Cumming & Public Works Supervisor Adam Vossen

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Dr. Paul Francel called the Parks and Recreation meeting to order at 6:59pm
- 2) **ROLL CALL** – City Secretary Valorie Cumming called roll and a quorum was present.
- 3) **CONSENT AGENDA – All items on the consent agenda are non-controversial and may be approved by one motion.**
 - a) **Approval of Minutes for the Park and Recreation meeting on June 19, 2019.**
 - b) **Approval of Minutes for the Park and Recreation meeting on February 20, 2019.**

Rebecca Anderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion was **seconded** by Charo Guillory.

The Vote was:

AYE: Chairman Dr. Paul Francel, Rebecca Anderson & Charo Guillory.

NAY: None

- 4) **CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA –**

None

- 5) **PUBLIC HEARING** – Topics to include those items not listed in the agenda.

None

- 6) **BUSINESS ITEMS –**

- a) **Discussion and presentation from John Gooden on statue for park.**

John Gooden addressed the board

- create long term work that lasts for centuries
- sent an outline with cost and ideas to help come up with the funds
- merged 2 periods into this piece
 - staking a claim during the land run which signifies residents wanting a little room
 - little girl represents free play, spirit, and dancing
- where community becomes family and our claim is here will be on the statue
- broke project into pieces to raise money
 - 3 people donate \$20,000 to get the faces to look like them

- 30 people commit to buying limited edition sculptures for \$1,000
- donor wall with different levels
- have city donate \$5,000-\$10,000
- maybe create a committee to work on funding
 - find peoples whose strength is to get donations
- don't mind coming along to help raise money
- statue is about 1.5 life size as it is outside it will look appropriate
- to get started creating we would have to have a contract and some money down

Chairman Dr. Paul Francel addressed the board

- city has a strong history that is in different areas of the park
- will need help asking for money

Rebecca Anderson addressed the board

- we have 4,500 kids in our school district

Charo Guillory addressed the board

- do you have any deposit requirements to being
- do you have collectors of your work

b) Discussion, consideration and possible action on plans for the "Girl Scout Park / Prairie Wind Park" including renaming, redesign, and repurposing.

Shaun Elwood addressed the board

- created different aspects at the park
 - lots of grass space and small gardens
 - redo the pavilion
 - create a drainage channel
 - redo bridge to make ADA compatible and add another one
 - allows you to circle park
 - add parking
 - half basketball court only
- will entice people to come
- Mustang created an ADA park

Charo Guillory addressed the board

- Sean built a scale to give us an idea
- create disabled opportunities with quiet and secluded areas
 - help with sensory disorders, veterans with PTSD, elderly for example
- focus on special Olympic sports
 - possibly change basketball court to be North & South facing
 - add a pickleball and bocce ball court
- create a walkway to pavilion from the different areas
 - add accessible benches
- every kid deserves right to act like the ground is hot lava
- need wheelchair accessible equipment park such as swing sets, teeter totter, merry go round, fitness equipment
- sensory displays to play with
- rename park to Monarch Butterfly Park due to different stages of butterfly's life
- preserve grass areas for wild flowers
- add water feature and bike rack

- have solar panels to help with electricity
- universal design park

Rebecca Anderson addressed the board

- do we have proposed time line for the park
- how would we find the funds to create it
- need a few passionate people to spearhead this project
- who will be coordinating this project

Chairman Dr. Paul Francel addressed the board

- love the Monarch Park name
- not a lot of resources available for ADA around in the area
 - wouldn't be first park in the city built but we might be able to learn from previous
- how are we going to raise funds to create this park
- do we have any grants available for this
- this board will be coordinating this park

c) Discussion, consideration and possible action on making Piedmont parks not only ADA-compliant but also ADA-inclusive and empowering.

Chairman Dr. Paul Francel addressed the board

- put QR codes
- bring back brail signs
- fitness area is half ADA compatible

Charo Guillory addressed the board

- get brail or sign language signs
- could do QR codes

Rebecca Anderson addressed the board

- don't have brail signs on bathrooms
- sign language mural included in the display board

d) Discussion, consideration and possible action on placement and build out for display board at park.

Chairman Dr. Paul Francel addressed the board

- board has arrived and just needs to be put up

e) Discussion and update on Piedmont trails project.

Public Works Supervisor Adam Vossen addressed the board

- last person dealing with this item was City Manager Jason Orr
- Danielle gave update on grants to him

Chairman Dr. Paul Francel addressed the board

- we had a hold up on our end due to engineering
- we want to use grants

f) Discussion, consideration and possible action to approve Tim Kudron to perform drainage work at the park.

Chairman Dr. Paul Francel addressed the board

- resurface area where water is building up
- he will be done with it by the end of the week
- doesn't want to do it while kids are there
- he can't donate everything he does so we will have a bill to give the city
- put 10 feet around the basketball court to allow 2 pickleball courts

Rebecca Anderson addressed the board

- we should close the park while he is doing the work
- will have to build up monarch gardens due to water

Charo Guillory addressed the board

- can now have tournaments for pickleball as fundraiser or even goat yoga

Public Works Supervisor Adam Vossen left the meeting at 7:55pm.

g) Discussion and update on gaga ball pit.

Chairman Dr. Paul Francel addressed the board

- gaga pit is up there and has a nice plaque

Rebecca Anderson addressed the board

- teens can't play due to level of sand possibly being too high
- maybe need to compact it or take some out

Charo Guillory addressed the board

- probably needs to be more compact

h) Discussion and update on the Piedmont Parks logo.

Charo Guillory addressed the board

- last meeting we gave the go ahead to use it
- want to put on t-shirts and signs

Chairman Dr. Paul Francel addressed the board

- can we get t-shirts made by Founders Day
- get 5 shirts to give to Marvin

Rebecca Anderson addressed the board

- need logo on banner

7) NEW BUSINESS –

- a)** “New business,” as used herein, shall mean any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting. (25 O.S. 311a(9))

None

8) BOARD MEMBER'S COMMENTS –

Chairman Dr. Paul Francel addressed the board

- need to talk about getting a zero-turn mower
- will talk with City Manager Jason Orr about budget
- could have an emergency meeting if needed

9) **ADJOURN** –

Rebecca Anderson made a motion to adjourn the Park and Recreation Board meeting at 8:11pm. Motion was **seconded** by Charo Guillory.

The Vote was:

AYE: Chairman Dr. Paul Francel, Rebecca Anderson & Charo Guillory.

NAY: None

Chairman, Dr. Paul Francel

Secretary, Valorie Cumming