

Recreation and Parks Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2014

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. at the City Hall Community Room. Present were Joe Mitrecic, Lloyd Martin, Dennis Dare, David Recor, Calvin Ginnavan, Jeff Simpson and Susan Petito. Guests included Zack Hoopes and Joanne Shriner.
2. Approval of Minutes: The minutes of August 12, 2014 were approved.
3. Tour and discussion of Sunset Park: The tour of Sunset Park was canceled due to inclement weather. Jeff Simpson, Landscape Crew Leader, explained his proposal for making modifications to the plantings in the park. Susan Petito explained that the primary concern expressed by Council had been the weedy appearance of the native plantings, with subsequent concern regarding the park's functionality for events. Councilmember Dare reiterated his stance that the park's function has transitioned over the years from a passive park to an active venue. He expressed concern that some of the plantings had grown to the point of prohibiting potential viewing opportunities for concert and other entertainment events, and that the density of some of the planting areas may need thinning. The Commission's park tour will be rescheduled for the next Recreation and Parks Commission meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Susan will ask Glenn Irwin, Executive Director of the OCDC to attend.
4. Update on Outdoor Fitness area improvement: Calvin Ginnavan reported that he obtained a preliminary quote of \$14,479 to add a vinyl fence with gate around the Northside Park fitness area, including interior paver improvements. Dennis Dare made a motion to forward the proposal to install a vinyl fence with gate and pavers around the fitness area at Northside Park to the Council for review. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lloyd Martin. The motion passed unanimously. Calvin reported that Rob Morand of the IT Department had begun his evaluation of potential security camera options to support fitness area and playground coverage.
5. Other Business: Susan reported that the signs regarding "no mooring or anchoring" at the Northside Park pier had been installed.
6. Adjournment: With no further business, Councilmember Martin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Dare. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

NEW MEETING DATE: There will be no October Recreation and Parks Commission meeting. The next meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 30th at Sunset Park.