

**Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee**

**Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, January 9, 2024 – 4:00 PM

City Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Open Planning Area

<b>Present:</b> Patt Sned, Niels Heimeriks, Mary Murphy, Perry Douglas, Julie Hastrup, Michael Odum	<b>Staff Present:</b> Lorenzo Rivero, Leah Rockwell, Sherry Wilson, Lucy Morelos, Tarelle Goldwire
<b>Absent:</b> Jacquelyn Taylor, Matthew Goldberger	<b>Guest(s):</b> Frank Zaremba, Russ Paparo

Topic	Discussion / Action / Follow Up
Call to Order	Meeting called to order by <i>Patt Sned</i> at 4:01 p.m.
	Motion made to approve November 2023 minutes made by <i>Niels Heimeriks</i> with a second by <i>Perry Douglas</i> . All in favor.

<b>New Business</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reappointment of Patt Sned</b> - <i>Leah Rockwell</i> thanked <i>Patt Sned</i> for volunteering another two (2) years of service to PRAC. This was confirmed by City Commission at the January 8, 2024 meeting.
<b>Old Business</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bond Projects Update</b> – <i>Leah Rockwell</i> provided the quarterly Bond Projects update to the committee. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To date, we have encumbered \$11,097,978 with \$6,002,650 of that being invoiced and paid; \$18,148,249 hasn't been encumbered but approximately \$4.5 million will be encumbered for the Gaines Park project. The bigger projects are now starting so we will see our encumbrances and invoiced paid increase.</li> <li>○ There are 38 total projects, 24 of which are currently active. There are none listed at risk, but Currie Park can be considered as it has had a delay in starting due to multiple moving parts including grant and permitting requirements.</li> <li>○ Some projects that haven't started yet are the Coleman Park Pavilion, Flagler Trails, and the Waterfront Playground. The Waterfront Playground is tied into the Visitor Center redesign considerations. The CRA, DDA, and City are working to re-envision what the area is going to look like. <i>Patt Sned</i> asked if there is any way that the CRA can pay for the waterfront playground, so those Bond funds could be used for the Dreher Park boundless playground. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> answered that she would have a conversation with the CRA if it could be considered.</li> <li>○ <i>Sherry Wilson</i> provided an update on the adult fitness stations at Jose Marti Park. Ten (10) pieces have been finalized with a few being ADA. Updates were sent out to the neighborhood association president with no negative or positive responses. We are moving forward placing the order.</li> <li>○ The contractor for the Howard Park Tennis Court project, Hartnett Building Group, suffered a heart attack which has caused a delay. His father has taken over the project and should begin mobilizing next week. Hartnett is also working on the Phipps Concession Stand and Bathroom project and is on track to be completed in April.</li> <li>○ Gaines Park Contractor is getting ready to mobilize. We are working on IT logistics and moving programming to the McDonald-Wilson Center and Pleasant City Community Center. South Olive Tennis Courts and Parking Lot plans are at 100% and are going through site-plan review and permitting.</li> <li>○ <i>Patt Sned</i> asked about the status of George Petty Park. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated the work is scheduled to start on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. After the playground is installed, we will begin on irrigation and sod and estimate the park to be open in the Spring.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Penny Sales Tax Projects Update –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Coleman Park was scheduled to open in late January, but due to some delays, the contractor is anticipating March.</li> <li>○ Howard Park design is almost completed and will be brought before PRAC and presented to the neighborhood. Once PPRC review and construction documents are completed, it will go out for bid. We hope to have the Community Center under construction in the 4th quarter of 2024.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>Boys and Girls Club</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We are currently working with the Boys and Girls Club’s attorney on the lease agreement based on the term sheet which was approved by the Commission. At the same time, we are working on the DeGeorges Boys and Girls Club’s new lease.</li> <li>○ <i>Patt Sned</i> asked if they will see the lease before it’s finalized. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> answered that she would provide everyone with a draft.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>Cox Science Center</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Patt Sned</i> wanted to discuss the Cox Science Center as it is in Dreher Park. She mentioned that there was a meeting on Monday that herself and Niels attended.</li> <li>○ <i>Leah Rockwell</i> added that the master plan proposal shows a reconfiguration of the road (Dreher Trail N.) from Southern Blvd to Summit Blvd as a straighter roadway.</li> <li>○ <i>Julie Hastrup</i> questioned if they’re going to put in speed bumps since they’re taking away the roundabouts. <i>Niels Heimeriks</i> answered that they will be adding speedbumps as it was a concern of the neighborhood.</li> <li>○ <i>Patt Sned</i> had inquired who was going to pay for the reconfiguration and was answered that they didn’t know but estimated the cost to be \$2 million and they would like to get some grants.</li> <li>○ <i>Niels Heimeriks</i> added that <i>Jeff Koons</i>, who was in attendance at the meeting on Monday, suggested looking into the federal funds from Build Back Better and partnering with the City since the roadway will be open and we can replace the aging infrastructure. It was also brought up that this area is where rainwater flows down from Parker and how will the redesign impact that; another point was how can the city promote bikeable connectivity along Parker Avenue with the schools in the area and bring people into the park for the attractions.</li> <li>○ <i>Leah Rockwell</i> stated that regarding infrastructure, the city has a list of priorities for the neighborhoods, and going into the park may be a hard ask to put in an application for that project with the resources that are currently available.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Staff Comments / Updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ <b>Afterschool Licensing of Pleasant City Community Center / Re-Licensing of Coleman Park Community Center</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We are working towards finalizing the licensing at Pleasant City Community Center to move the children from Gaines Park to Pleasant City. The health department is coming this week to inspect the building and then we will have a follow-up at the health department to defend our request to license the site. We are also working on re-licensing Coleman Park. <i>Michael Odum</i> asked how many kids would be coming from Gaines. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> answered that those who are enrolled right now will move over and the health department will tell us what the overall capacity will be. Previously, when Faiths Place occupied the space, the capacity was set at 75 but with the additional space we added during renovation that number may go up; we won’t be enrolling over what we think that capacity will be.</li> </ul> </li> <li>❑ <b>Programming Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Winter athletic programming is starting with junior soccer beginning tonight.</li> <li>○ The Summer Camp brochure information is being finalized to go to the printer and the summer vacancies should be advertised by the end of the month.</li> <li>○ Spring Break camp will also be running as usual.</li> <li>○ <i>Sherry Wilson</i> provided an update on an agreement with PNC Bank who will be bringing out a mobile ATM branch to Pleasant City which the community can use;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	they are looking to start that service the first week of February. There will also be some financial literacy programs with the teens at the Youth Empowerment Center and seniors in our senior program at Pleasant City.
<b>Board Comments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Julie Hastrup</i> inquired about the regular updates the committee would be receiving about Currie. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> answered that there aren't any updates to provide right now, but she would ask for someone to be here next month to provide an update on the work that has been happening over the last two months.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Patt Sned</i> asked if there has been any communication from the developers about contributing any money. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> answered that as these developers ask for additional height or variances in their builds, there is money attached to that. In some of those agreements, those dollars have been earmarked for Currie. There is a meeting scheduled in the next few weeks with Parks and Recreation, the CRA, and the developers to discuss investing in the park.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Mary Murphy</i> stated that she was recently at a meeting and Commissioner Ward said they are going to be closing off Currie Park. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> answered that we are working on fencing in the park to begin on some initial demolition.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Niels Heimeriks</i> asked if it would be possible for the bicycle coordinator to give a presentation on connectivity. <i>Leah Rockwell</i> answered that she will ask if the Transportation Coordinator would be available next month or the month after to attend a meeting. <i>Julie Hastrup</i> added that she would like to know what the transportation plan is with all the new towers going up.</li> </ul>
<b>Public Comment</b>	No public comment.
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	<i>Perry Douglas</i> made a motion to adjourn. Second by <i>Niels Heimeriks</i> . All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m.