

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm via Zoom. Those present were:

Drew Brazie
Joel Hoger
Kerry Koonce
Kate Walton

Also present were:
Doug Bylund

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Consent Items

The consent agenda consisting of the following was approved on a motion by Koonce and seconded by Brazie, unanimous approval.

Approve Agenda
Approve November 11, 2020 Minutes

Support Group Reports

Tree Committee:

Indianola Park Friends: The Park Friends next meeting will be in January

Friends of Indianola Trails:

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- The initial draft of the department budget has been submitted and the first review of the overall impact on the city budget has been made. The impacts on future fund balances show a negative effect on the operating budget as expenses outnumber the

revenues. In the coming weeks, staff will be evaluating fees for programs and facilities and other ways to increase revenues.

- In response to increased COVID numbers, the Activity Center remains closed to walk-in traffic, but is open by appointment for exercise room use, computer use or study times. City Staff will continue to monitor and meet regularly to evaluate testing numbers and determine a time when we can move into the next phase of re-opening.
- The Trail Master Plan will be presented to City Council for a resolution to adopt on December 21, 2020.
- Two City Council Ward Meetings were held the week of November 30. Both meetings had questions from residents inquiring about future park development in their areas of the community. One response was that we are working to include a Park Master Plan into the FY2022 budget to evaluate current park amenities as well as possible future locations for parks and facilities.
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Recreation:

- Recreation program planning continues to focus on virtual events as well as encouraging residents to keep active outdoors. Staff has begun to use “Parker the Elf” on social media as he visits parks and facilities that families can visit during the colder months.
- The next edition of the I-Magazine will be available virtually at the end of December.

Parks:

- Park Winterization
 - o The Ice Rink has been installed. Staff will monitor the forecast in order to determine the best time to begin filling the rink with water.
 - o The Street Ash Tree removal project has been delayed as the contractor has had delays with work as employees have had exposures to COVID-19.
 - o Staff met with engineers from Snyder & Associates at Moats Park to review the restroom replacement project. Bid Requests will be sent out in January and once the project has been approved by Council, we will work with the contractor to set a construction timeline and begin notifying the public. The anticipated completion date for this project in the middle of June.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at the Indianola Activity Center at 6:00 pm. Meeting may be moved to a Zoom meeting if needed.

It was moved by Koonce and seconded by Brazie to adjourn at 6:35 pm.