

Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

January 2024 Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm at The Indianola Activity Center. Those present were:

Randy Bickham
Marcy Hahn
Kerry Koonce
Judy Pauley – via Zoom
Kathy Turnball
Kate Walton via Zoom

Also present were:

Doug Bylund
Matt Garrett
Shannon Gapp – via Zoom

Public Consideration/Correspondence

Consent Items

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

Approve Agenda
Approve December 13, 2023 Minutes

Support Group Reports

Tree Committee:

Indianola Park Friends: Park Master Plan presentation was shared with Park Friends.

Indianola Wellness Campus:

Department Heads Reports

Director:

- Shannon Gapp from MSA presented the latest draft of the Parks Master Plan. A few comments were made from the Commission that will be instituted on the final draft to be presented to the City Council on February 20. These include ranking the priorities and rewording the restoration of the Buxton Park Gazebo.

- Discussion was held regarding the proposal from Sportsman Solutions for a sponsorship agreement at Pickard Park. The requests made by the Commission in December were added to the contract. A motion was made by Koonce with a 2nd by Turnball to recommend the City Council approve the contract with Sportsman Solutions.
Unanimous Approval
- The Strategic Plan of the City Council was presented.
- The Updated City Organizational Chart was shared resulting in the Parks and Recreation Director Position to be changed to the Chief of Culture and Recreation – now responsible for the supervision of the Wellness Campus and the Coordination of the Library Facility and Programming.
- Recreation Report:
 - The Activity Center continues to be well utilized with daily activities and monthly presentations and concerts.
 - Many programs were canceled or delayed due to the prior weeks' snow storms.
 - Staff will be assisting with a Scavenger Hunt around the Square for the George Washington Carver Celebration on February 3.
- Parks Report:
 - Park Staff worked much of last week and still this week to remove snow in parking lots and trails.

Commission Member Comments, Reports

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Activity Center

It was moved by Turnball and seconded by Koonce to adjourn at 6:45 pm.