



PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

June 24, 2024 – 5PM | Council Chambers, City Hall

- 1. Call meeting to order:**
- 2. Approval of Minutes:**
 - a. Regular Meeting: May 29, 2024
- 3. Public Comment** – (Limit to three minutes per person)
- 4. Continued Business:**
 - a. Lights at the Ballfield and Parks – Jordan
 - b. Review 2021 Parks & Trails Master Plan - Jordan
- 5. New Business:**
 - a. None
- 6. Committee Comments or Concerns:**
- 7. Announcement of the next meeting:**
 - a. Regular Meeting: Monday, July 22, 2024 at 5PM
- 8. Adjournment:**

Parks and Recreation Committee

Members

Rian King-Chavez (chair) | Curt Fjelstad | Kirk Hayes

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PARKS & RECREATION

COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 29, 2024, at 5:00 PM | Council Chambers, City Hall

- Members Present:** Rian King-Chavez, Kirk Hayes
- Members Absent:** Curt Fjelstad
- Mayor:** None
- CAO:** Jordan Green
- Staff:** Cyndi Thompson, Brad Neubauer, Supervisor Cemetery and Parks, Trent Freeman
- Guests:** See Sign in Sheet

1. Call Meeting to Order:

- a. Chairman King-Chavez called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

2. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Regular Meeting: April 22, 2024

Member Hayes motioned to approve as presented. Chairman King-Chavez seconded the motion. 2 Ayes, 0 Nos, 1 Absent. Motion passed.

3. Public Comment - Limit to three minutes per person:

- a. None

4. Continued Business:

- a. Lights at the Ballfield and Parks – Jordan
The group discussed ways to enhance safety and lighting in local parks, including consulting Northwestern Energy for a quote on lighting improvements.

Jordan Green discusses cost of installing light poles, including \$60 per month per unit and \$220 for ownership. Energy costs for light poles are minimal, with delivery charges and taxes adding to total cost. Trent Freeman estimates additional costs for putting in a transformer, possibly running new wires to new light poles, and determines Northwest can help with location identification and cost estimates.

Jordan Green emphasizes safety concerns, including improved lighting to deter unwanted visitors. Committee discusses feasibility of installing transformers, with Northwestern Energy potentially providing a quote. Trent Freeman and Jordan Green discuss locations for new lights in the park, including the skatepark, ball fields, and playground. Areas of concern for vandalism include the old concession stand, announcer's booth, and bathrooms near the tennis courts. Trent Freeman suggests installing lights in a park location near a transformer, possibly to deter criminal activity.

No motion, discussion only. Ongoing subject.

b. Review 2021 Parks & Trails Master Plan – Jordan

Discussed safety and lighting improvements for the community trail system.

Discussed the importance of identifying sections of the trail to work on and finding ways to make the trail more accessible and user-friendly.

Discussed the cost of various trail improvements, including signage, wayfinding, and seating, and the need to set attainable goals for trail development.

Discussed the lack of seating areas in Hillcrest Cemetery, suggesting the need for more benches or seating areas for reflection.

Discusses various park improvements, including a sprinkler system, security cameras, lighting, playground equipment, parking lot improvements, doggy stations, and garbage cans.

Discussed the lack of drinking fountains in the area, while Trent Freeman discussed the possibility of bringing a water line from Higgins Avenue to a water station near the bathrooms. Trent Freeman and Jordan Green discussed the possibility of tapping into an existing water line for the skatepark, and the potential cost and feasibility of the project.

No motion, discussion only. Ongoing subject.

5. New Business:

- a. None

6. Committee Comments or Concerns:

7. Announcement of the Next Meeting:

- a. Regular Meeting: Wednesday, June 24, 2024, at 5PM

8. Adjournment:

- a. Chairperson King-Chavez adjourned the meeting at 5:37pm.

Prepared by: Cyndi Thompson, City Clerk

Rian King-Chavez, Chairperson

Date

Parks & Recreation Committee

Members

Rian King-Chavez (Chair) | Curt Fjelstad | Kirk Hayes