

# PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Thursday, January 16, 2014 7 p.m.

ARC, 1701 W. Ash

## MINUTES

**Commission Present:** Marin Blevins, Sue Davis, Bill Pauls, Dan Devine (7:30), Linda Hutton

**Commission Absent:** Terry Kloeppe and Meredith Donaldson

**Staff Present:** Mike Griggs, Gabe Huffington, Erika Coffman, Tammy Miller

Blevins called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

**Agenda:** The agenda was approved on a motion by Hutton, seconded by Davis.

**Minutes:** The November minutes were approved on a motion by Pauls, seconded by Hutton.

**Monthly Reports:** The November and December monthly reports were approved on a motion by Pauls, seconded by Hutton.

### Rezoning – ACC OP Development

Huffington described the site, which is at Stewart and Fifth. It's near the MKT Trail and currently zones residential. It's a 3.26 acre site planned for PUD. No adverse impact is anticipated.

**Pauls made a motion, seconded by Hutton, that the Commission recommend there is no adverse impact from the proposed rezoning. Motion passed 4-0.**

### Rezoning – Dell Jones LLC

This location is at the corner of Brown Station and Waco roads, near Norma Sutherland Smith Park. It's planned to be rezoned to M-C (Controlled Industrial District). No adverse impact is anticipated.

**Davis made a motion, seconded by Pauls, that the Commission recommend there is no adverse impact from the proposed rezoning. Motion passed 4-0.**

### Rezoning – Jeffrey Smith Investments

Request is for 7.99 acre tract at corner of Nifong and Bethel, near Cosmo-Bethel Park. It would be rezoned from R-1 residential to PUD.

**Pauls made a motion, seconded by Davis, that the Commission recommend there is no adverse impact from the proposed rezoning. Motion passed 4-0.**

### Strawn Road Property – First phase

The new park on Strawn Road will be 125 acres in size. Huffington said staff is seeking approval or recommendations regarding the comprehensive plan for the entire park and for the first phase of development for Strawn. The comprehensive plan shows 7 multi-purpose athletic fields for Strawn, to occupy the floodplain. Another large portion of the site would be a potential championship disc golf course, which would allow larger tournaments in Columbia. The park would also feature parking, shelter and playground, as well as future Perche and Harmony trails. Huffington said 3D archery is also a possibility for the site.

Phase I would include construction of the parking lot and shelter. Funds would come from the Park Sales Tax, with future phases possibly being paid for with future Park Sales Tax ballots.

Blevins asked about catching up with national standards for miles of trails for communities of Columbia's size? Griggs said the newer trails would help with that.

Hutton asked about timing of the new trails?

Griggs said Hominy would be open for the summer.

Blevins commented that Strawn's future phases would be great projects for the 2015 Park Sales Tax issue.

Hutton made a motion, seconded by Davis, that the Commission recommend approval to Council of the comprehensive plan for the Strawn Road park property and related first phase development. Motion passed 4-0.

### Council Items

Griggs shared these updates:

Several agreements are slated for approval, including one with Columbia Public Schools regarding Fairview Park, and one with the Farmers Market.

### **Capital Project Report**

Huffington shared these updates:

**Waters-Moss:** staff from SLAC in process of moving into Hillcrest Community Center on the site. Crews have been working remodel and prepare the site.

**Twin Lakes:** Xeriscape garden boardwalk installed.

**Jay Dix Station:** mountain bike skills course features have arrived and will be installed as time and weather permit.

**Atkins:** batting cage improvements made.

**Hominy Creek Trail:** Moon Valley pedway improvements made.

**Cosmo Park:** boardwalk at Steinberg was removed as part of playground renovation.

**Indian Hills Park:** electrical service added to the shelter.

**Worley St. Park:** new concrete tables and pads installed.

**Brown Station Park:** trail under construction.

**Picnic Tables:** 37 repaired at Stephens Lake, Rock Quarry, Lions-Stephens, Westwinds and Bear Creek.

**Albert-Oakland:** additional landscaping completed at playground, beautification done at Parker Street entrance. Huffington showed drawings of new park signs and where they will be placed as time and weather allows. Griggs also showed a map of the park with the nearby lots that Mr. Albert had previously asked about. Griggs spoke with the developer and is not sure that he is willing to sell at this time.

### **Recreation Services Report**

Coffman shared these updates:

**Holiday Toy Drive:** more than 200 children served.

**Columbia Eve Fest:** new setup and venues went well.

**50+:** Ukulele group recently performed at Eve Fest and about 24 attended the Branson holiday trip with 50+ Tours.

**Preschool:** recent activities, Cookies with Santa and Make 'n Take Craft, had good attendance.

**Golf:** courses reopened on January 13 with better weather.

**Punt, Pass and Kick:** Eryn Puett from Columbia won the national competition in Denver after winning local competition and working her way up through regional and state.

**ARC:** new equipment was purchased and installed.

**Special Olympics:** two teams competed in Central Area Basketball tournament.

**Upcoming Events:** MLK Candlelight Walk and March, ROC 7K Trail Run, Black History Month events including Film and Discussion, Talent Show, Panel Discussion and Gospel Explosion and Soul Food Dinner.

### **Staff Comments**

Coffman informed the Commission that two long-time employees, Recreation Supervisors Richard Cole and Carol Riney will retire in April, meaning a loss of almost 80 years in experience to the department.

### **Commission Comments**

Hutton thanked staff for providing cover sheet with information about the rezonings. She also complimented them about the proposed signage at Albert-Oakland Park.

### **Public Comments**

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.