

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

**4:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting and
Multicultural Family Center 1157 Central Ave**

PRESENT: Ray Werner, Jennifer Tigges, Robin Kennicker, Rob McCoy, Justin Hochberger and Jessica Ochoa

ABSENT: Hobie Wood.

STAFF PRESENT: Dan Kroger, Steve Fehsal and Kristen Dietz

CALL TO ORDER: Werner called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Tigges, seconded by Kennicker, to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 meeting. Unanimous.

PUBLIC INPUT:

No public input.

COMISKEY PARK UPDATE:

The City of Dubuque published a survey for public input on the possible playground equipment and splash pad ideas. Within twenty-four hours we had over one hundred and fifty submissions. The survey will close next week, and information will be submitted for components to purchase. Construction will start this fall and complete next spring.

VIRTUAL VERSUS IN-PERSON MEETINGS:

Staff will continue to offer both in-person and virtual meeting options based on the preference of the commission. This will be re-evaluated in September commission meeting.

CITY COUNCIL GOAL SETTING INPUT:

The Commission discussed the past years success and future initiatives. Successes include leashed pets in most city parks, continuing care for Eagle Point Park, Chaplain Schmitt Island Committee, Valentine Park Community Garden, and Disc Golf. Future initiatives include fully funded staff positions, infrastructure updates, connecting bikes/trails, swimming pools and Chaplain Schmitt Island. These successes and initiatives will be submitted to the City Council for review to help with the overall successes and initiatives for the city.

MANAGER REPORTS – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:

Kennicker thanked staff for Miller Riverview Campground being open this season. Park Division Manager, Fehsal explained we still do not have a campground manager, but staff is doing their best to continue the season. Fehsal shared Chaplain Schmitt Island rededication ceremony will be taking place on Sunday May 30th. Werner asked about a slide being boarded up at Valley High Park. Fehsal explained the slide will be replaced and we are waiting for the shipment to come in.

COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by Ochoa, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Unanimous.