

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 2020**  
**4:30 p.m., Virtual Meeting via GoToMeeting**

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

**ABSENT:** **None.**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Dan Kroger and Steve Fehsal

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kennicker called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

**WELCOME NEW COMMISSIONERS:** Justin Hochberger and Jessica Ochoa. Oaths were administered and signed prior to meeting due to COVID-19.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** It was moved by McCoy, seconded by Wood, to elect Ray Werner as Chairperson. Unanimous. It was moved by Wood, seconded by Tigges, to elect Rob McCoy as Vice-Chairperson. Unanimous. It was moved by McCoy, seconded by Werner to elect Hobie Wood as secretary. Unanimous.

**MINUTES APPROVED, VOTE:**

It was moved by Tigges, seconded by Kennicker, to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020 meeting. Unanimous.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None.

**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF AMENDED CHANGES TO CLARKE UNIVERSITY USAGE AGREEMENT:**

It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by McCoy, to recommend amended changes to Clarke University Usage Agreement. Unanimous.

**REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION OF VIRTUAL VERSUS IN-PERSON FUTURE MEETINGS:**

It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by Ochoa, to change to a month to month basis but to stay virtual for now. Unanimous.

**VALENTINE PARK COMMUNITY GARDEN DISCUSSION – JAKE KOHLHAAS:**

Jake Kohlhaas proposed a Community Garden at Valentine Park near where the current farmhouse is located right off the walking trail. Jake has spoke with neighbors and city staff members and feedback has been positive. Garden

would include deer fencing and costs can be covered by donations. Kohlhaas is working on requests from the city in order to move forward which include rules, supervision structure, city contact, liability waiver, location, water source, and ability to mow around the garden area. Overall commissioners provided positive feedback and suggestions and looking forward to moving ahead to receive more answers for next steps.

#### **MANAGER REPORTS – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**

Park Division Manager, Steve Fehsal added for commissioners to visit Marshall Park if they have not already to see that the Battle Bow Memorial has been sand blasted and repainted. Reflection pool water system is repaired and back up and running. Tigges noticed that there was a new sign for the Slattery Center and that it looks great. Tigges also noticed some maintenance that is needed at Pyatigorsk but Fehsal mentioned the lilacs will come back in the spring and there is a capital improvement project for the railing currently in FY2025.

Recreation Division Manager, Dan Kroger added that Miracle League Field will have a walk-thru with the board and extended the invite to the commissioners. Kroger mentioned they still have funding with a new online system and hopefully being able to move forward in the Request for Proposal. Also, Kroger mentioned that he met with Community Development Block Grant to extend programs to more kids during the off days from school. Tigges appreciates fall brochures not being printed because that saves money but asked if staff was working with groups to get program information out. Kroger answered that staff will meet with school district to identify lower income students and those who are struggle academically.

#### **COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS/QUESTIONS:**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

It was moved by Tigges, seconded by Kennicker, to adjourn the meeting at 5:56 p.m. Unanimous.