

Meeting Minutes

Parks and Recreation Board

September 10, 2024, at 9:00 AM

McClure Recreation Center | 7440 E 7th Street | Tulsa, Oklahoma 74112

Attendees:

MEMBERS		
<i>Name</i>	<i>PRESENT</i>	<i>ABSENT</i>
Meinders Burkett	X	
Savage	X	
Rojas	X	
Reese-Tipton		X
Fernandez		X

OTHER		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Email Address</i>
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- I. Chairperson Meinders Burkett called the meeting to order at 9:15pm.
- II. Chairperson Meinders Burkett asked for review and approval of July 2, 2024, PRB minutes. No corrections or revisions were requested. Board Member Rojas moved to approve the minutes; Board Member Savage seconded the motion. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports

a. Parks, Culture and Recreation Department Report – Anna America

Introduction of Geoffrey Braga. New Urban Forester from Bentonville, Arkansas.
Jennifer Plaster, front desk, future Board secretary.

Tulsa Garden Center – determined that the pergola was in non-compliance (improper permits). City of Tulsa permitting department has the updated permits under review. Trysted Pages has not completed their requested documentations to the Board.

Stone steps that go from the Gilcrease Museum to Stuart Park will be improved to increase safety parameters. Stuart Park has been added onto the priority list for funding. Board Member Savage noted that Gilcrease is fundraising for trails. The 2024 City of Tulsa Day of Caring will be centered around Stuart Park. Board Member Savage noted that the Stuart Family are historically large supporters of the Gilcrease Museum.

Director America noted that there was proposed public art that did not make it onto the agenda. Director America noted that when public art is proposed, the proposer is in charge of all maintenance, repairs, and upkeep. The Legal Department noted that Blazing Wing of Dreams will not be available to take action upon. Steve Lassman will be giving a report/update on Blazing Wings of Dreams. This will be on next month's agenda for approval by the Board, which will then be sent to the Arts Commission for approval.

Director America noted that there was a citizen who reached out about a certain park regarding accessibility in parks. The citizen noted that she and her daughter are unable to access Pratt Park due to its inaccessibility. Director America noted that we will be creating an Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Panel at the City of Tulsa which will hold us accountable and educate us on accessibility. Noted that the citizen filed multiple open records requests and complaints against the City of Tulsa. Director America noted the importance of increased funding for accessibility.

Director America noted we added a ramp to the tennis courts, widened the entrance for sports wheelchairs, and there is a wheel-chair tennis team that plays every week.

Director America noted that we are trying to improve inclusivity in our recreation programming. We are creating a dashboard that will show live data of who we are serving in the community.

b. Capital Improvement Projects Update – Steve Lassman

Steve Lassman noted that he stepped into the role in May 2024. Steve noted that he replaced Gary Schellhorn. Steve noted that this position was in DCE, moved to Parks to be more department focused. Steve noted the difficulty for this role being outside of Parks was that we were receiving completed projects from engineering without any Parks input. Steve introduced Dylan Siers as the Parks Department's Park Planner.

Projects Discussed:

Over 30 total projects. Steve noted that McClure Park Slide and Plunge Pool has been in and out of bidding. We are looking into demoing the pool and returning it to turf.

Woodward Park Improvement bids were returned, quite a bit over the expected cost. Steve noted that the improvements are very specific, so we do not expect lower bids to come down the line. Stormwater will be assisting in the funding of this project.

Chamberlain Pool Reconstruction – expected completion May 2025. Following that, the Jane A Malone Community Center will begin it's rebuild.

Zoo Carnivore Exhibit – On hold until fundraising commences at the zoo.

Fred Park Improvements – Working with LandPlan Consultants on designs. Have

Blazing Wing Sculpture – Large garden diva sculpture with wings. Neighborhood will put their handprints into the poured concrete. Installation – October 12, 2024 along the Osage Trail at 36th and Peoria. Will be visible from the Osage Bike Trail. This sculpture cannot be installed unless approved by the Arts Commission due to City Ordinance. The next Art Commission meeting will be held on October 14, 2024. Chairperson Meinders Burkett asked for a Special Meeting to be held for the Arts Commission in order to complete installation on time.

c. Partner Focus Report – Tom Wolff

Tom Wolff noted they are \$70,000 ahead of budget. Outside clubhouse painted and repaired over the summer. Mohawk park benches were repaired. Clubhouse entrances are being replaced, currently out for bid.

Noted a lot of junior tournaments coming up. OJGT event coming up this Saturday and Sunday.

Junior golf camps went well, slow growth. They plan to do free junior and family golf camps hosted at Paige Belcher.

Tulsa Junior Oilers hockey team coach noted a lot of off-ice training. Ran #18 Pecan Valley (same architect as Southern Hills). Ran 8 trips up and down Pecan Valley.

Mohawk Park irrigation has started making strides on. CAD drawing that are 70%. In the design phase of the irrigation per Director America.

III. **ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION**

a. *Growing Together Mural at Archer Park – Alexandra Munoz

Citizens requested a mural at Archer Park by a local artist. In partnership with Partner Tulsa, they will be funding the entire project. Bathroom buildings at Archer Park, currently locked and not a

Motion to approve Board Member Savage. Board Member Rojas seconded the motion.

Approved

b. *Potential Improvements to Legacy Park – Emily Scott

Emily Scott noted that the Arts District has many new apartments with no designated pet relief space. This causes a lot of dog waste on sidewalks. Emily Scott has requested to convert the space into a dog park. Partner Tulsa is funding the planning and design work. Emily Scott noted that they are working with the neighborhood and have completed a community survey. The proposed design is one 5,000 sqft and another separate 2,000 sqft dog park. There will be side plazas with seating. Emily noted that there will be a public meeting with the City of Tulsa Parks, Culture and Recreation Department on September 23, 2024, at 6pm.

Board Member Rojas requested a maintenance agreement. There was an agreement sent over to the Parks Department that has not been approved yet.

Motion to approve the concept Savage, Rojas seconded the motion.

Approved

c. Election of Vice Chair – Board

Chairperson Meinders Burkett requested that Savage serve as Vice Chair of the Board.

Motion to approve Board Member Rojas, Vice-Chair Savage seconded the motion.

Approved

- d. Update on the Renaming of Midland Valley Trail – Chairperson Meinders Burkett

Chairperson Meinders Burkett noted that she met with the Gathering Place. Chairperson Meinders Burkett noted that this discussion is currently on hold due to other issues and has been paused as we work through decisions with the tribes and the families.

No actions were taken on this item IV.b

- e. Board Member Reports – Board

Chairperson Meinders Burkett encouraged attendees to go out to the different parks to note any accessibility issues Chairperson Meinders Burkett also added to let Director America know and to take pictures of any issues at our parks.

IV. New Business

[NOTE: "New business" is restricted to any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting. *Oklahoma Open Meeting Act*, 25 O.S.2001, §311(9)]

V. Public Comments – None

VI. Next Meeting, October 1, 2024, at 9:00AM. – WaterWorks Art Center (1710 Charles Page Boulevard, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74127).

VII. Adjournment at 10:27am.