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Parks, Recreation & Quality of Life Committee
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Tuesday, August 3rd, 2021

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Mayor Eric Bruen, Mayor Pro Tem Scott Hayman,
Planning Commissioner Vanessa Hayman, Planning Commissioner William Jinkins

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:32 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Present: Eric Bruen, Scott Hayman, Vanessa Hayman, William Jinkins

Absent:

Staff: Nerissa Wegener

Recording Secretary: Jennifer Ledbetter

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Committee approved the agenda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made to approve the Minutes for the June 1st, 2021 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT OF THE ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Comments were made from the public regarding items that could be improved to provide a better Quality of Life within the community. Items mentioned were making sure all of the water fountains at the parks are working properly (specifically the Leroy Jackson Sports Complex fountain needs to be maintenance), adding water bottle refill stations throughout the community, complete the walking path at Leroy Jackson Sports Complex, plant drought tolerant trees along walking path, add shade structures at the tennis courts.

DISCUSSION AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

Watering schedule at Freedom Park was discussed, the watering cycle takes 5 hours to complete cycling through the entire park. If at any point the public has an issue with this watering schedule they can rent the park area for their event and we can change the watering schedule at that time. Staff will post watering schedule on website for the public's review.

Mr. Bruen mentioned that the City is hoping 1 gig fiber will be done by 2023.

Staff and committee wanted to reassure the public that we are exploring every avenue to be able to provide a community pool. We are still waiting to hear the results of the SPP Grant (Statewide Park Program Grant). Funds will be awarded in late Summer 2021 per the Grant website.

SUPPORT STAFF COMMENTS:

Completed installation of volleyball nets at Upjohn and Pearson Park.
MLB Grant was declined.

Opened up after school program for registrations and put out ads for employment for the program. Staff will not be able to provide transportation for this year but hopefully for the 2022-2023 school year that will be an option.

Staff is working on scheduling and organizing special events for the remainder of the year to include movie nights, tree lighting, and some form of Halloween event.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

SPP Grant (Statewide Park Program Grant)

Drinking fountains have been fixed

Official dates for special events will be released

NEXT MEETING:

September 7, 2021 at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM