



City Recreation Committee

Meeting Minutes from Thursday, Nov 19, 2020

Present

Members: Elinor Mount-Simmons, Diane Brewer, Dolores Croom,
Donna Ingle.

Guest: Commissioner Despina George

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Elinor Mount-Simmons at 6 pm. Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and a motion to accept them was offered by Donna, seconded by Dolores and approved by the group.

A. Old Business

- 1. The Parks List was finalized, to the best of our knowledge, so we can now work on our Adopt-a-Park Program idea. It was agreed that Elinor will make a presentation at the December board meeting. It was also decided to not submit a full proposal in case the City does not agree, but to provide a general overview with a few details.*
- 2. The secretary's vacancy was discussed again. Elinor is to resend email to Deborah Guillotte, City staff, informing her of the vacancy so it will be placed on the City Commissioner's December Agenda. City Manager Travis Wade will be cc'ed.*
- 3. Sylvester Williams—Elinor shared information from Franklin County's Park & Rec Director Fonda Davis about the status of this park which the County has offered to maintain. Davis says the bathrooms are termite-infested, and his staff recommends demolition. He plans to meet with City officials and inform them of this and will report back to us with an update.*

B. New Business

- 1. HeadStart Park Update—Tim Centers, CEO of Capital Area Community Action Center phoned in to share updates and answer questions. He provided a detailed report of the park's location, assuring the committee that the park's placement would not interfere with the Splash Pad or the Skateboard Park. He also gave a tentative move-in date as August 21, 2020.*
- 2. Committee Name Change—Elinor brought this up, stating that the committee's name is a misnomer because we don't deal with just Recreation, but Parks. The suggestion was to be labeled as the "City Parks and Recreation Committee" or "City Parks Committee." Commissioner George will bring this up at the December City Commissioners' meeting.*
- 3. We discussed suggesting to the City Commissioners that monies collected from rental of city parks and community centers not all go into the general fund, but a percentage be set aside to maintain these facilities. We will work on the specifics of this proposal and bring the idea to the commissioners at a future meeting.*

C. Announcements

Diane Brewer announced that Michaelin Watts will be guest at our December meeting. In fact, she has offered to host the meeting at her home.

After all business matters were discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 17, 2020.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elinor Mount-Simmons, Acting Secretary*

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Members: Elinor Mount-Simmons (*chair*), Diane Brewer, Donna Ingle, Torben Madson,
Mark Milliken
Alternate: Dolores Croom