

Ankeny Park Board Meeting
October 31, 2016
Parks & Recreation Office

Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order: Amber Angaran called the Park Board meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. Fred Scherle, Lisa McDaniel and Josh Craighead were not in attendance. All other board members were present. Nick Lenox and Leslie Reab represented City of Ankeny staff. City Councilor Kerry Walter-Ashby was also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: The August meeting minutes were reviewed and approved with a motion from Jim Hallihan and a second from Chad Hade. All approved.

Correspondence: Strategic Plan, Park Board Survey Results

2016 Park Socials Survey: Lenox provided the board a summary of the Ice Cream Socials that took place over the course of the summer. Lenox reported the attendance at this summer's socials were the highest to date. Lenox expressed that he believes the socials are a great way for the board to interact with the community to answer questions and gain feedback on park needs and future improvements.

Ankeny Market Pavilion: Lenox informed board members that the AMP Committee is currently putting a plan together to figure out their overall financial picture and is reaching out to specific donors requesting pledges potentially be moved forward so the second pavilion can be ordered and installed prior to the Farmer's Market opening next May. Updates included the green space will be top dressed and dormant seeding will take place, Nagle Signs is under contract to install two railroad signs which will recognize donors, and the committee is looking at the cost of two options for turnkey restrooms and adding 54 additional parking spaces.

2017 Strategic Plan: Lenox provided the board with a copy of the City's Strategic Plan. Items included in the Plan that will impact the Parks & Recreation Department are Park Upkeep Service Level Enhancements, Parks & Recreation Master Plan, Tree Policy, Older Parks Condition Assessment and Renovation Plan, High Trestle Trail Extension Feasibility Funding Study and the Bike Tourism Strategy. Lenox stated the Plan will help give the Parks & Recreation Department direction and additional justification for future projects.

Director's Report: Lenox made board members aware that a number of encroachments upon City property were identified within the Woodland Reserve Greenway during the planning of prescribed burns which will take place in the spring. Items identified as encroachment issues include mowing of native grasses, flower beds, gardens and erecting of physical structures. A letter was drafted and mailed to Woodland Reserve neighbors stating that in order to protect the Reserve, all encroachments on City property must be removed by February 26, 2017. If not removed, City staff will remove the encroachment and potentially recover the costs from the property owner.

Other: City Council member Kerry Walter-Ashby gave a Miracle Park Steering Committee update stating that other than one outstanding pledge, which is due over the course of the next two years, the project

is complete. The 5th Annual Night for Miracles Gala will be held February 4, 2017. With the Miracle Park Project nearing completion, the Gala will change the focus of the Gala to raising money for four beneficiaries. Their goal is to raise \$12,000-\$14,000 for each benefactor.

Kerry informed the board she is a part of a community focus group which includes City and Chamber members and inquired if any Park Board members would be interested in joining. The focus group will review the 2016 Community Assessment Survey, which was completed by the School District, and help identify community needs and come up with ideas and share resources to meet those needs. Board member Nichoel Church volunteered.

Board Member Reports:

- Angaran: No report.
- Church: No report.
- Hade: No report.
- Hallihan: No report.

Board Representative @ November 21 Council Meeting: Nichoel Church will represent Park Board at the Council meeting.

Adjournment: Hade moved meeting adjournment and Hallihan provided the second. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m. by standing vote.

Minutes Reported By: Leslie Reab, Parks & Recreation Administrative Assistant