

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, August 20, 2019
4:30 p.m., Flora Park, Blue Steel Roof Pavilion

PRESENT: Matt Garrett, Robin Kennicker, Ray Werner, Rebecca Kuhle, Hobie Wood, Jennifer Tigges

ABSENT: Robert McCoy

STAFF PRESENT: Marie Ware and Kristen Dietz

MINUTES APPROVED; VOTE:

It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by Tigges, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2019 meeting and July 16, 2019 special meeting. Unanimous.

PARK DISCUSSION:

Commissioners asked about FDR Park after two members had taken a tour. Manager Ware gave a brief history and current use of FDR (Roosevelt) Park. In 2009 prior to Manager Spence retirement the City completed the FDR Master Park Plan. Currently three portions of FDR Park are leased to the Children's Zoo Boosters, Tri-State Modelers Club, and to Robert Bradley as a farm lease. Approximate income from leased areas is \$10,500.

Chairperson Kuhle asked about the letter that was presented at the July 9, 2019 meeting regarding the future of FDR Park. Manager Ware notated that the letter was presented to both the Commission and the City Council. The City Council referred it to their goal setting thus there is no action currently for the Commission.

PET-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATION AND DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS:

Manager Ware informed Commission of the procedures to follow with ordinance changes and to receive full public input and engagement. Commissioner Werner presented information he had compiled and a proposed recommendation with moving forward with pets in parks with an ordinance change. Commissioner Tigges made note the importance of proper education on responsible pet ownership amongst the City as well as public. The Commission discussed a second off leash pet park and felt that was a discussion for later after discussion of the ordinance change. Commissioners Werner and Kuhle agreed to share this information with the Pet-Friendly Community Work Group. Commissioner Tigges made a motion to add pets in parks ordinance discussion to the September meeting. Commissioner Wood seconded. Unanimous.

Manager Ware asked Commissioners for potential locations for the September. She also reminded members of the upcoming City budget season.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved by Kennicker, seconded by Werner, to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. Unanimous.