

Rogers Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes
February 21st, 2024
Noon at Rogers City Hall
301 West Chestnut St.

ROLL CALL:

Betty Evans, David Hale, Mendy Fisher, Shawn Lee, Christian Saavedra

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Motion by Hale to approve January minutes as presented, second by Fisher. Approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Moved up on agenda. Quinton Harris: Introduction of Sheree Barnes, Shawn Grindstaff and new Commissioner Christian Saavedra.

PUBLIC FORUM:

No public comments

REPORTS:

Lance Jobe: Centennial Park punch list items. Hook to do pump inspection on Friday 2/23.

Kent Laughlin: TOTC detour for Lisa Academy. Retaining wall repair at 1st Baptist & Greenway. Phase 1 of 13th St. – Final phases beginning with signage soon. 13th & Poplar St roundabout utility and drainage done.

David Hook: Victory Theatre now under Parks Dept. Soft opening went very well. Finishing final touches on lighting, sound, etc. Northwest Park update all is moving along well. Finishing touches on interior work can be happening while park is being utilized by public.

Quinton Harris: NW Park is on track for the March 15th deadline. Opening may be April 1st, but generally progressing on time.

Kara King: Trail counts compared down due to weather. Saw high numbers on Jan. 31st with nice weather. Upcoming events include Square to Square 5/4 (Fayetteville to Bentonville) and Tree Giveaway 4/27.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

VonBrinton outlined the specifics of cancellations and down payments amendments to our Tournament Polity. Ramifications of not have one and keeping a monopoly from occurring in our parks. Discussed a breakdown of fees/deposits compared to other NWA cities. Sands spoke to tournament directors being notified prior to approval regarding fee increases.

Motion by Evans, second by Hale to accept cancellation and down payment amendments to Tournament Policy – Unanimous voice vote

Harris spoke to venues verses parks and some of the differences in rules and how they affect public interactions. Grindstaff spoke to distinctions in terminology. Performance venues, Plazas and Administration of the Entertainment District including the Railyard and Bellview District.

Motion by Hale, second by Fisher to accept terminology: Performance Art Venues, Plazas, and Entertainment Districts

Commissioner Christian Saavedra spoke about his background and love of sports and NWA.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned by Shawn Lee at 12:31 pm