

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

ROLL CALL:

Greg Lindley, Betty Evans, David Hale, Paul O'Rourke, Mendy Fisher, Christian Saavedra

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Motion by Hale to approve July minutes as presented, second by Lindley. Approved. Unanimous voice vote

PUBLIC FORUM:

No comments

REPORTS:

Kent Laughlin: Railyard Loop upgrade enhancements update near Rogers High School & Blossom Way. 13th St initial phase complete. There is a 10ft wide trail on the east side of 13th St. Progress made on roundabout at Poplar & 13th including some paving. Plans to have the roundabout open by mid-September. The 8th & Easy tunnel has some conflict delays which might include going deeper with tunnel.

Quinton Harris: FEMA update-Victory Theater, Northwest Park, Fire Training Center, the Library and a general RFP/RFQ have been put out for architects and construction firms to compete for. Mostly complete on selection side.

Kara King: Trail counts are up. Upcoming events: Family Fun Day & Fishing Derby Sept. 8, Tour de Taco Sept. 14, Pick up Where You Play and the Chambers' Downtown Showcase Sept. 15, Square to Square Sept 21. Fall Tree Giveaway is Oct. 26 with signups on Oct. 14. Giving away 800 trees and there are 8 species. This is largest giveaway to date.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Shawn Grindstaff: Renaming of the Assembly Hall at Mt. Hebron to Prairie View Center.

Andrea VonBrinton: Announcement of ARPA Awards, recipients include: Champion of the Year was received by Billy Cotton. Professional Award for prominence, excellence and long-term

contribution & impact was awarded to David Stone. Outstanding Young Professional was awarded to Kara King.

ADJOURN:

Meeting was adjourned by O'Rourke at 12:24pm