

City of Aurora Park Board
Aurora Police and Fire Facility
106 S. Elliott Ave.
Aurora, Missouri 65605
Thursday, August 17, 2023 6:00 PM

8/17/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Deb Dillman called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

- President Deb Dillman *Present*
- Vice President Nikki Kennedy *Present*
- Board Member David Brammell *Present*
- Board Member Cody Murray *Absent*
- Board Member James Pettit *Present*
- Board Member Trevor Williams *Absent*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Member David Brammell made a motion to Approve Park Board Minutes from July 20, 2023. Board Member James Pettit seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

- President Deb Dillman *Aye*
- Vice President Nikki Kennedy *Aye*
- Board Member David Brammell *Aye*
- Board Member Cody Murray *Absent*
- Board Member James Pettit *Aye*
- Board Member Trevor Williams *Absent*

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.I - Discuss the Pop Up Calendar and Finalize Plans for Upcoming Events

Vice President Nikki Kennedy updated the Park Board on upcoming Pop Up in the Park events. There are two events already planned, currently awaiting approval from Council: September 9th - Yard games at Crosby Park, and October 1 - Kite Day at Baldwin Park.

Vice President Kennedy and President Deb Dillman are also working on plans for a Christmas Run. President Deb Dillman asked Board Member James Pettit to work up a proposal for the event to present to City Council.

4.II - Update on Status of the Ozark Community Foundation Account

Council Liaison Theresa Pettit gave a brief update on the Park Board's account with the Ozark Community Foundation. Since the Park Board's meeting in July, the account has been activated and is ready to receive donations for Park Board events and projects.

4.III - First Responders Event

President Deb Dillman briefly mentioned an event Police Chief Coatney is working up - Public Safety Fair. More information will be available further into the planning process.

4.IV – Fall Park Clean Up Day

President Deb Dillman and Interim Parks Director Travis Wittenborn scheduled a Fall Park Clean Up Day for October 21, 8 AM - noon.

**Council Liaison Theresa Pettit interjected with some concerns that have been brought to her attention through emails from a few Aurora Citizens. One concern expressed the need for benches next to play areas in the parks, an issue that is being addressed by the Park Board and City staff. The second was a request to bring back Farmer's Market. In order for this to be a possibility, it has been determined that a member of the Farmer's Market would need to bring the request before City Council.*

4.V - Staff Updates

Interim Parks Director Travis Wittenborn gave an update on projects the Parks Department has been working on: installing basketball goals, repairing leaks, watering trees, cleaning debris from storms, sealing cracks on pickleball courts, and installing murals painted by Diane Estes at White Park. The softball season and leagues were successful, and the recent skateboard event in August was also a success. The parks Department is working to organize another skateboard event on the 2nd weekend of October.

City Manager Jon Holmes briefed the Park Board on the Tree Care Clinic, scheduled for Nov 1, an event he is working on with the MO State Forrester. He is also looking into advertising policies as a means to increase revenue for the City. He is working to set up guidelines to be presented to City Council.

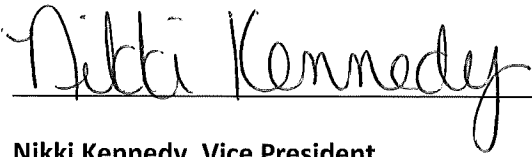
Council Liaison Theresa Pettit then gave an update on the status of the Rec Center plans. The documents are close to getting final approval from the Design Committee, who will then take them to City Council. The City is expected to break ground on the new Rec Center in November, 2023.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member James Pettit made a motion to adjourn the Park Board meeting at 7:04 PM. Vice President Nikki Kennedy seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:

- President Deb Dillman Aye
- Vice President Nikki Kennedy Aye
- Board Member David Brammell Aye
- Board Member Cody Murray Absent
- Board Member James Pettit Aye
- Board Member Trevor Williams Absent


Approved:



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Nikki Kennedy, Vice President

Attest:



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Rayburn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Kim Rayburn, Secretary