

# City of Aurora Park Board

## Aurora Police and Fire Facility

106 S Elliott Ave.

Aurora, Missouri 65605

**Thursday, September 21, 2023 - 6 PM**

9/21/2023 - Minutes

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*Vice President Nikki Kennedy called the meeting to order at 5:58 PM.*

### 2. ROLL CALL

President Deb Dillman *Absent*

Vice President Nikki Kennedy *Present*

Board Member David Brammell *Present*

Board Member Cody Murray *Present*

Board Member James Pettit *Absent*

Board Member Trevor Williams *Present*

#### ***Ex Officio Members:***

Council Liaison Theresa Pettit *Present*

City Manager Jon Holmes *Present*

Parks Director Travis Wittenborn *Present*

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Board Member David Brammell made a motion to Approve Park Board Minutes from August 17, 2023. Board Member Cody Murray seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:*

President Deb Dillman *Absent*

Vice President Nikki Kennedy *Aye*

Board Member David Brammell *Aye*

Board Member Cody Murray *Aye*

Board Member James Pettit *Absent*

Board Member Trevor Williams *Aye*

### 4. NEW BUSINESS

## 4.I - Finalize any Details for Park Cleanup Day

*Parks Director, Travis Wittenborn handed out a list of to do's at the various parks for the Park Cleanup Day, which will be on October 21, from 8 AM- Noon. If there is a good attendance he would like to try and tackle these items. If the turn out for the Cleanup is comparative to last year, then the concentration will be on trash and limbs. Board Member Trevor Williams voiced concerns about the commemorative plaques that are on some of the benches. He would like for them to be fixed so that nobody gets hurt. Vice President Kennedy suggested that the Park Board Facebook page should be utilized to create events for better awareness within the Community.*

## 4.II - Pop Up in the Park Review and Finalize Plans for Upcoming Event

*Vice President Kennedy updated the Park Board on the most recent Pop Up event held on September 9, 2023. Turn out was good, approximately 50-75 people were in attendance. The Native American Center from Springfield Missouri was at the event and expressed interest in coming back to possibly do something bigger. The next Pop Up, Ice Cream and Kite Flying Day is scheduled for October 1, 2023 from 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM at Baldwin Park. Vice President Kennedy presented the Park Board with the kites she would like to order for the event. They will be \$19.93 for a package of 20. There was discussion as to how many kites to order. The Board decided on ordering 60 kites for the event. Vice President Kennedy shared that Liberty would like to coordinate with the Park Board and help out with future Pop Ups.*

## 4.III - Christmas/Holiday Run in the Park

*Board Member Pettit has a proposal for hosting an event centered in White Park the evening of November 25, which is the night of the Downtown Christmas Project. Some of the bullet points of the proposed event are as follows: Single loop course through White Park - 1/2 mile and 6 loops would be roughly 5k. The run would last approximately 3 hours - leading up to the tree lighting later that evening. Instead of a traditional 5k, would like the style of run to be a "backyard ultra" or "last runner standing" with a twist to allow the entrants to earn back some money if they run enough. Have the loop decorated with Christmas lights and possibly other fun seasonal decorations. \$40 entry fee with \$100 prize money for the person or people who go the farthest. These are a few of the ideas presented by Board Member Pettit and will be discussed further by the Park Board to come up with a finalized plan.*

## 4.IV - City of Aurora Park Board Account with Ozarks Community Foundation Update

*Council Liaison Theresa Pettit gave an update on the Park Board's account with the Ozark Community Foundation. The account is open and has \$2500 in it. The account has to maintain a balance of \$1000 to remain open and needs 2 people to sign off on withdrawals. President Dillman, Vice President Kennedy and Council Liaison Pettit are authorized to manage the account.*

## 4.V - Staff Updates

*Parks Director Travis Wittenborn gave an update on projects that the Parks Department has been working on: Fixed the wheel chair swing, leveled dirt on the ball fields, Puppy Plunge on August 27, wasn't a great turnout but everyone that attended had fun. tree watering. working on waterlines, dirt work at the Dog Park, installed a Food Pantry located at the Southeast Corner of Oak Park and cleaning up of the tree line behind the shop in White Park. The AFB Company Picnic was a huge success with a large turnout. Installed the State Flag at White Park and tentatively scheduled for Friday the 29th at 11:30 AM is the ribbon cutting for the new mural in White Park.*

*City Manager, Jon Holmes gave the Park Board an update on the Recreation Center. There was a Pre-Bid Meeting for the Rec Center on Friday, the 15th of September. There were approximately 15 Contractors in attendance showing a lot of interest. On October 4th, Branco, our Construction Management at Risk, will be opening to receive bids, then at the Council Meeting on October 10th, Branco will be providing a tentative guaranteed maximum price to the Council. After the maximum price has been determined and finalized, the City's Financial Advisor will begin advertising and financing.*

## 5. ADJOURNMENT

*Board Member Brammell made a motion to adjourn the Park Board Meeting at 6:43 PM. Board Member Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed with votes documented as follows:*

President Deb Dillman                      Absent

Vice President Nikki Kennedy        Aye

Board Member David Brammell     *Aye*

Board member Cody Murray     *Aye*

Board Member James Pettit     *Absent*

Board Member Trevor Williams     *Aye*

Approved:



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**Deb Dillman, President**

Attest:



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**Pamela Hillhouse, Secretary**