



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday October 24, 2023

City of Lakewood – Council Chambers

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CALL TO ORDER

Jason Gerwen called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present: Jason Gerwen-Chair, Vito Iacobazzi- Vice Chair, Alan Billingsley, Janet Spingath

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Absent: Anessa McClendon

Staff Present: Mary Dodsworth – Director, Nikki York – Office Assistant

Youth Council Liaison Present: None

City Council Liaison Absent: Don Anderson

Guests: Stacey Reding, Heidi Wachter, Paul Bucich, Officer Jeremy James

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

ALAN BILLINGSLEY MOVED TO ADOPT THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 26, 2023. SECONDED BY JANET SPINGATH. NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. VOICE VOTE WAS TAKEN AND MPU.

NEW BUSINESS

Edgewater Park Master Plan Update.

Mary Dodsworth provided the site history, previous master plan process to include review of public input, draft alternatives and preferred alternative, current site analysis, area survey, encroachment discovery, COVID delays, site maintenance issues, current studies to include a traffic study and hazardous tree removal in 2021. The need today is to start work on an update the Master Plan which is needed for the 2024 grant application cycle.

Public comment was documented regarding current issues, site or area conditions and ideas. Interactive activities allowed attendees to prioritize master plan ideas by putting colored "dots" on 23 site categories, draw additional site improvements on site maps or fill out comment cards. Staff and PRAB members were at various stations to discuss one on one with meeting participants.

A summary of issues and concerns included: lack of current maintenance, site security and enforcement, habitat (stumps) and environmental impacts to park and cove, traffic or parking revision impacts to immediate neighbors, launch use and water safety for both boaters and swimmers and how to manage increased use on the lake and in the park. Many attendees were sure that park improvements would bring more people using the park as well as create crime and safety issues. People were surprised to see the area survey that showed that the Right of Way is 60 feet wide, the road is only 18 feet wide and the many, many encroachment issues. Ideas and improvements included looking for parking areas away from park to disperse throughout the neighborhood, add a pay station at launch, consider paid parking along the road and a non-motorized boat launch space away from boat launch. Park needs a dock, seating areas and ways to access the shoreline for passive recreation use.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

The Edgewater Master Plan Updates will be at the January 23, 2024 Meeting at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Informal conversation continued until 7:40 p.m.



Jason Gerwen, Chair



Nikki York, Office Assistant