

ST. CHARLES PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES
WORK SESSION MEETING HELD

October 6th, 2021

The meeting was **Called to Order** by Secretary Childress at 6:06 pm in the American Legion Room at Memorial Hall in Blanchette Park. **Roll Call** noted the following present for the meeting:

Park Board - Denise Childress, Brad Harmon, Mike Hannegan, Tuss Peluchette, Merle Schneider and Council Liaison Denise Mitchell were present. Patrick Caskey, Kathy Mudrovic, Mike Ryan and Tom Smith were absent.

Others - Maralee Britton – Director, Chris Atkinson -Assistant Director, Don Borgmeyer – Enterprise Superintendent

3. Update of the McNair Aquatic Facility

Atkinson and Britton presented the Board with the findings of the investigation in to the leak at the McNair Aquatic Facility. In addition to the leak below the bottom of the small pool where the slide drops into there are also major concerns with the condition of the original wooden slide tower and fiberglass slide. These issues were identified in the facility audit conducted back in 2014 as areas of concern and have continued to deteriorate since that time. Staff recommendation is to remove and demolish the slide tower, slide and small pool that the slide drops into. That area would then become a grass area within the facility. The McNair main pool would then be repainted in time for the opening for the 2022 swim season. The consensus of the board was to move forward with staff's recommendation.

4. Discussion of adding More Private Party Rental Areas to the Wapelhorst Aquatic Facility

Britton presented the Board with a request from staff for discussion to add 4 new shade structures at the Wapelhorst Aquatic Facility that would be used for birthday party areas or rentable spaces for groups. The new shade structures would then allow the shade structure that is currently used for birthday parties in the concession area to be used for just concessions. Staff expect the new areas to allow more parties and increase revenue for rentals. If the Board were agreeable at the October 20th Board Meeting a budget amendment would be brought before the Board for approval to allocate funds to make the purchase of the shade structures and picnic tables in the 2021 budget year. (This is needed to due to long lead times on the materials and the need to be ready by the 2022 swim season.). The consensus of the board was to move forward and bring the request forward at the next meeting.

5. Discussion of Changes to the Parks and Recreation By-Laws adding the Pledge of Allegiance to the Agenda

Britton stated that City Administration and the Mayor have requested that all City Boards and Committees recite the Pledge of Allegiance after roll call. In order for the that to happen at the Park Board the By-Laws would need to be amended. The Board were presented with the current By-Laws and with a draft of the amended By-Laws. The updated By-Laws would be brought before the Board for a vote at the October 20th Park Board Meeting.

6. **Adopt a Park (Board Member observations pertinent to facilities, programs and services within the Park System)**

Harmon – Good, Schneider – Good, Peluchette – Good, Childress - Good, Hannegan – Good.

Council Liaison Mitchell said there were some couch cushions at Circle Drive Park. Staff will pick them up.

Childress asked about the pedestrian bridge at Frontier Park. Staff said Pubic Works have permanently closed the bridge and are working on installing a replacement in the spring of 2022.

At 6:29 pm Peluchette made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss the following:

- F. Records that identify the configuration of components or the operation of a computer, computer system, computer network, or telecommunications network, and would allow unauthorized access to or unlawful disruption of a computer, computer system, computer network, or telecommunications network of a public governmental body. (RSMo 610.021.21, as amended)***

Seconded by Harmon.

Roll Call vote: Patrick Caskey - Absent, Denise Childress- Yes, Mike Hannegan - Yes, Brad Harmon – Yes, Kathy Mudrovic - Absent, Mike Ryan - Absent, Merle Schneider - Yes, Tuss Peluchette - Yes, Tom Smith – Absent. Motion passed.

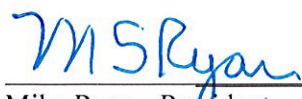
At 7:07 pm Peluchette Made A Motion to come out of Closed Session. Seconded by Hannegan.

Roll Call vote: Patrick Caskey - Absent, Denise Childress- Yes, Mike Hannegan - Yes, Brad Harmon – Yes, Kathy Mudrovic - Absent, Mike Ryan - Absent, Merle Schneider - Yes, Tuss Peluchette - Yes, Tom Smith – Absent. Motion passed.

As there was no further business to discuss Peluchette moved for **Adjournment** at 7:08pm; Seconded by Hannegan which then passed.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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Mike Ryan - President



Handwritten signature of Denise Childress in black ink, consisting of the name 'Denise Childress' in a cursive style.

Denise Childress - Secretary