

**WELLINGTON
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2017 - 7:00 PM
WELLINGTON CITY HALL**

MINUTES

Members Present: Sam Falzone, Maryjo Shockley, Brian Buckstein, William Flack, Anthony Forgione, Richard Christmas, Jason Weiss

Members Absent:

Village Staff: Bruce DeLaney, Daryl Boyd, Jim Barnes, Tanya Quickel, Jose Reyes

I. Call to Order/Opening Comments

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Falzone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. September 19, 2017

Mr. Flack made a motion to approve the minutes and Ms. Shockley gave the second. The minutes were approved 7-0.

V. Presentation

VI. Staff Updates

Mr. DeLaney mentioned upcoming events including WinterFest and Tree Lighting, the Holiday Parade, the Wellington Holiday Run at Village Park, the Wellington Soccer Club Shootout, and Father Daughter Dance tickets on sale.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

A. Surtax Citizen Oversight Committee Projects

Mr. DeLaney reviewed the Surtax program and the Committee's role as Citizen Oversight Committee. He then introduced Jim Barnes and Tanya Quickel.

Ms. Quickel gave an overview of several smaller proposed projects as they relate to the budget. She also mentioned the major proposed projects including Greenbriar Park and Southshore Park. Mr. Barnes gave further detail about the smaller budgeted projects including concession and bathroom renovations, playground resurfacing, and dugout reconstruction in Village Park.

Mr. Flack asked about the difference between the solid playground surface and the “artificial turf” type products. Mr. Barnes explained that the Village has used multiple types of surfaces for playgrounds and although the turf type products have improved over the years, for this application, the poured in place type surface was less expensive and very durable.

Mr. Barnes then went over the conceptual plan for Greenbriar Park improvements.

Mr. Forgione asked about the impact to traffic in the area. Mr. Barnes explained that a formal traffic study was not conducted but that although there would certainly be some impact, peak times for park use will not always coincide with peak traffic times.

Mr. Christmas asked where the debris site would move to. Mr. Barnes explained there would be potential for some storage onsite in the dry retention areas and that in the event more storage was needed it may be necessary to take another park out of service temporarily and renovated later. He mentioned that it would be possible to receive FEMA reimbursement for reestablishing a facility in that case. He also mentioned other sites have been considered.

Ms. Quickel mentioned that the Greenbriar project had originally been budgeted for the 2019 fiscal year but the intention was to request that it be moved to the current year so the two projects could be run simultaneously resulting in a savings.

Mr. Buckstein asked if a contractor could sufficiently handle two projects. Mr. Barnes indicated that the projects would be designed and planned in such a way that concurrent programs would not be a problem and that on-staff project managers would ensure contractor compliance.

Mr. Barnes then gave an overview of the proposed renovation for Community Park, which will be called the Southshore Park project. Mr. Forgione asked about losing outdoor basketball courts. Mr. DeLaney explained that the proposed project included two or three indoor courts which would be used for programming as well as open gym. He also explained that the six outdoor courts at Olympia Park had lights added so they were available for night use as well. Ms. Shockley also expressed that she wasn’t comfortable with losing open use facilities and that there were a lot of 20 year olds who enjoyed those types of facilities.

Mr. Flack asked if staff believed the new courts would be sufficient to handle the demand or could more outdoor courts be added to this site or another. He believes the demand is high. Mr. DeLaney explained that it is certainly possible to add more outdoor courts if the demand was high but that the demand and need for indoor courts was high in that the department was at the limit for recreation programs and that the basketball sports provider was forced to use high school courts due to the shortage and that it is getting more challenging to get access to the schools facilities.

Ms. Quickel asked if there was any interest in making a motion to agree that the projects presented to the committee were qualified under the sales surtax program language.

Mr. Buckstein asked if there was an expectation to increase security and/or video surveillance at these facilities based on increased crime in other areas. Mr. Barnes explained that improved security had been a priority on all new projects and expects that it will also be addressed with these facilities.

Ms. Shockley made a motion to agree that the projects put forward comply with the surtax language and to move forward. Mr. Forgione gave the second and the motion passed 7-0.

IX. Public Comment

X. Board Comments

Dr. Falzone wished everyone a happy holiday season.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42pm.

Chairperson