



A-1 June 25, 2024

Minutes

City of Bloomington Board of Park Commissioners

Work Session: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.

City Hall, Allison Conference Room, 401 N Morton St, Bloomington, IN

Zoom

CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Kathleen Mills at 4:04 pm

Present: Kathleen Mills, Ellen Rodkey, Israel Herrera and Jim Whitlatch

A. OTHER BUSINESS

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| A-1 | <p>Parks Reports</p> <p>Items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes to Administration, Department Heads, Parks Staffing, and the Operations Director position remained open. Continuation of City wide salary and compensation study Budget – Different process for creating 2025 Budget. Council looking at possible Outcomes Based Budgeting. 2023 Parks ended with slight deficit. Department working on internal efficiencies and process improvements Successful Solar Eclipse Event – many visitors from out of town, and out of state Parks Actions Teams 50th Anniversary to Farmers' Market 2024 last year for American Rescue Plan Act funds, number of accessibility projects planned Progress of Hopewell Commons, possible open fall of 2024, cost implications, staffing and development of surrounding area. Development of new Five Year Master Plan for 2026-2030. Would be included in the 2025 Budget. Community surveys, outreach focus groups will be used to help determine the path moving forward. Climate change goals – have purchased with battery mowers and battery powered equipment Redesign of the Gateway Project – project would be launching in near future Duke Power Line Trail – moving forward, easement had been approved by Monroe County Commissioners. Bryan Park Playground almost completed – had been designed with a balance between challenge, accessibility, and access in mind. Ribbon cutting scheduled for June 28, 2024 Condition of aging facilities and cost of repairs: Bryan Park 1957, Mills Pool 1060, and Frank Southern Ice Arena 1960. |
| A-2 | <p>Strategic Goals for 2024</p> <p>Items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic Goals for 2024 had been presented at the April Park Board meeting. Goals were set for calendar year – January – December The Master Plan had four main goals, sub goals were developed from those four main goals. Strategic Action plan fluid document, and updated as needed |
| A-3 | <p>Cost Recovery Report & Discussion</p> <p>Items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Used when developing and reviewing programs Used for budget purposes Reviewed cost pyramid Reviewed cost recovery statistics for last five years To close gap, did revenue need to be increased Used to determine program life cycle |
| A-4 | <p>Partnership and Behavior Guidelines Policies #11070, #11080, #11130, #13030</p> <p>Items discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnerships needed to be reviewed, to determine if partnership or contract should be used. |

Board packets/reports are available to the public by contacting the Department at 349-3700.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnerships should be reciprocal. Purpose of Partnership was to avoid duplications of services and to help with resources. |
| A-5 | Encampments & Security Items discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camps on parks property Camps on private property adjacent to parks property Reviewed number of needles found in parks Using compassion and appropriate resources when dealing with encampments Camps to be cleared when there were criminal activity and safety issues High cost of security – over \$300,000 Park Hours Ambassador program |
| A-6 | 2025 Meeting Dates Items discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moving Board of Park Commissioners Meetings from fourth Tuesday of the month from 4:00pm to 5:30pm to fourth Thursday of the month from 5:00pm to 6:30pm |

B. QUESTIONS AND OTHER ISSUES

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| B-1 | Open Discussion Items discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aging facilities Vandalism – opening and closing of restroom in parks |
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ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:22pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Kim Clapp,
Secretary Board of Park Commissioners