

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry
Advisory Board
September 18, 2020 Minutes

Members in attendance were Chairperson Tom Rennick, Roman Jefferson (excused absence), Kenneth Quigley, Alan Klein, Councilmember Arlina Yazzie, and Director of Parks and Recreation Dean Palmquist.

James Alexander and Lucia Story were guests in attendance.

Chairperson Tom Rennick brought the meeting to order at 7:05 AM and welcomed everyone to the Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Advisory Board Meeting.

Minutes from the August 21, 2020, advisory board meeting were approved.

Old Business

- A. Update on South Neighborhood Park Public Notice** – Dean shared about the process of developing a public notice to let the general public, especially the south side neighborhood residents, know the status of the south neighborhood park project. The City is making sure that the message sent out to the public is a positive one, as much as possible. Dean shared that a public notice draft has been generated for the City Manager’s review with bullet points emphasizing what has been done and a target date of 2022 for starting the construction of Phase 1A.
- B. Debrief on Veterans Park Dedication Ceremony** – The advisory board members who attended the Veterans Park dedication ceremony on Patriot Day, 10:00 AM, Friday, September 11, 2020, thought it went well and estimated just under 150 people in attendance. Dean shared that he was pleased with the acknowledgement given by the speakers at the ceremony to everyone in the decision making process to change the park name from City Park to Veterans Park and with the speakers showing appreciation of our Veteran service members in serving our country and our emergency service responders in serving our community.
- C. Review the Centennial Park Band Shell Project** – The advisory board members walked over to the proposed future site for the band shell project at Centennial Park, and Dean handed out an aerial photo made by the City GIS staff member of where the future band shell may be located at that site. There was some questioning of where the exact location of the band shell would be and that the aerial photo was not exact on the location. Dean shared that the aerial photo was an approximation and showed on-site where the band shell would be placed at the present time. Dean pointed out the differences of a band shell versus the Parque de Vida Amphitheater, the Veterans Park, and the Montezuma Park performance spaces. The advisory board members shared their prospective on each performing space and the pros and cons of each one in considering parking, neighborhood residents, and the space capacity for audience size. Following the discussion, the location and stage size presented some very good reasons

for a band shell to be located at Centennial Park. However, advisory board members brought up the concern of neighborhood residents being contacted early in the process to make sure their input was heard and any concerns they may have. Dean mentioned that Bob Waggoner, a local advocate for our community band, is leading this effort for a band shell and has raised the funding for a professional designer to develop architectural plans. Also, Bob Waggoner has engaged the Onward Foundation to be his group's fiscal agent for capital campaign fundraising. Dean stated that the City has let Bob know that the band shell project will need 100% outside funding for it to happen.

D. Other Old Business – None.

New Business

A. Discuss Disc Golf Course Modification Request – Dean and Tom Rennick shared that they met with Tanner Cumpton and a couple of other interested disc golf players this past Thursday, September 17th, to listen to their suggestions for improvements to the disc golf course. They shared three potential improvements to our disc golf course that would be worth considering. The first suggestion was to have an overall disc golf course map, hole distances, and rules/etiquette sign located at the first tee box for welcoming new disc golfers. The second suggestion was to have a better identification of which tee box goes with each basket and a representation of the hole. The third suggestion was to have multiple sleeves at each basket location, so you can change the basket around like changing the cup placement on a golf course green. The advisory board members agreed that these would be some good improvement to look into and see if there is any funding available to do some of these disc golf course improvements. Also, the advisory board members were appreciative of the outreach effort to engage our local community members.

B. Update on Urban Forestry Program – Tabled until the next meeting.

C. Other New Business – None.

The next regular meeting will be held on Friday, October 16, 2020, at 7:00 AM at the Recreation Center Child Watch Room.

Adjournment—8:20 AM