

MINUTES

The **Rogers Parks & Recreation Commission** met for a regular session Virtually via Zoom on February 17, 2021 at 12:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by Paul O'Rourke .

ROLL CALL:

Present: Nathan Gairhan, Betty Evans, Paul O'Rourke, Mendy Fisher, Shawn Lee

Not Present: Greg Lindley, David Hale

PUBLIC FORUM:

There were no comments from the public.

ACTION ON MINUTES:

1. Minutes of January 20th, 2021 Meeting

Motion by Betty Evans, second by Nathan Gairhan to Approve the minutes as submitted.

REPORTS:

1. Projects & Progress Report

Lance Jobe discussed bike park, detention pond. Punch list items have been addressed. Working on signage. Railyard Park continues to progress. Most pavers have been installed. Covid, weather delays, railroad permit have extended the project out until late March. Railroad permit delay for the north part of the fence. Working on finalizing Centennial Park, in the large scale review process.

Discussed features for the benches being installed at Railyard Park. Movable, reminiscent of a railcar.

Kent discussed Railyard wayfinding update. Fabrication complete on replacement kiosks. Change order to add signals to hawk lights. Adding two at Dixieland crossing, two at 2nd St crossing, two at OliveSt./RAC crossing, two at Olive St./Turtle Creek crossing. 3 yield signs being added to New Hope bridge to clarify right of way between trail users. Additional panels and signs installed by the end of March, weather pending. Proposal for Cambridge markings, waiting on pricing for wayfinding signs. Baekart trail/Cambridge trail progressing. Mid to end of March for substantial completion for trail to Hudson. ADA access reviewed at Cambridge, taking a second look at a few places.

David Hook discussed Mt. Hebron. Discussed weather issues and continuing on with erosion control.

2. Trail Counts

Kara King- Lake Atalanta not included in the report. If overcast or cold, counters will not read. Railyard counter added on novice line, the last 3 days of January. This counter can be considered a spare. New Hope, display is not connected, but the counter is working. Working on it.

Reassessing trail adoptions, 60% of groups want to continue on with their committed/scheduled trail adoption. 10-13 trails that may come up for adoption.

May is "Bike Month". Square to Square bike ride being held virtually.

Lance - Slow Streets looking to return to Rogers, probably in June. Will go through City Council first - will work to ensure coordination. Slow Streets webinar hosted by BikeNWA, slow streets programs from other areas. Kara will send info.

Paul met with McCurdy to look at names of the trails at Lake Atalanta.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Andrea reported playground equipment Cambridge Park complete and open.

Playground company offering 1/2 price off of a significant piece of equipment for a photo op (\$30,000 off). We have agreed to work with them. Equipment will be installed at Foxfire.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Pleasant Grove median is done. Once weather is better, it will be re-sodded. Working on solutions for drainage issues further down the trail, not related to utility work.

Jim White commented on staff meetings, will send follow up email with information for commission. Jim White provided an update on covid, facilities and programming, continuing to monitor the situation and coordination. Thanked staff with Community Development for all the help with projects.

Meeting was adjourned by chairman: Paul O'Rourke at 12:37 PM

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Secretary

Chairman