



**PARKS + RECREATION COMMITTEE  
JUNE 13, 2022 AT 4:30PM  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 4TH FLOOR  
MEETING MINUTES**

**I. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order by Chairperson Holleman at 4:30 p.m. on June 13, 2022.

**III. ANNOUNCE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Councilperson Travis Holleman  
Councilperson Wallace Redd  
Councilperson Joe Shakeenab

Councilperson Karen Reynolds was also in attendance.

*Councilpersons Wanda Allen and Stacey Streetman were absent.*

**IV. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES**

- May 10, 2022

Councilperson Shakeenab made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilperson Redd seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion to adopt the minutes passed without objection.

**V. COUNCIL ACTION**

None

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Crossland Ave Sidewalk Discussion

Councilperson Reynolds explained that she has been working and having conversations about this project for over a year. Her meetings have been with Mark Holleman, the Street Department, and the Regional Planning Commission. The Street Department informed her that they would not need to go through the Parks and Recreation Department because it was already an approved greenway and would just need to focus on the design. Councilperson Reynolds was disappointed not to see the design on the list of capital projects. Her concern is that access will be lost if the right-of-way is not protected now.

Jennifer Letourneau asked if it would be a sidewalk or greenway. Councilperson Reynolds replied that it would be a multi-use path when feasible and a sidewalk everywhere else. The difference between the two options and examples of other projects were discussed.

Councilperson Shakeenab noted that since the City already owned part of the land, we would only need to focus on the other areas.

Jennifer Letourneau inquired if the route designated in the 2014 Greenway and Blueway Master Plan would suffice. Councilperson Reynolds responded that unfortunately the Street Department and Regional Planning Commission have allowed that area to be built on. Councilperson Reynolds also added that her goal is not to force the project but to have an overarching design so that it can be protected.

Councilperson Shakeenab asked Jennifer Letourneau about the Department's procedure to secure property for future use. Jennifer responded that the Master Plan would be used as a guide, they would identify the pieces needed, and either get the property donated or purchase it. It was noted that eminent domain would be the last case scenario and avoided at all costs. Several different projects were given as examples and discussed.

Councilperson Shakeenab also asked how this would affect the budget. Jennifer Letourneau replied that if something was added, it would need to be removed from another part of the budget. Councilperson Reynolds was informed by Laurie Matta that because of the amount requested and that the project was only focused on the design it would come out of Capital Projects. Councilperson Reynolds indicated that she would be asking for \$350,000 from this budget

season to start the design and it could come out of General Funds according to Laurie Matta.

Councilperson Redd asked who would do the design. Jennifer Letourneau replied that someone would be hired and that is the purpose of the amendment. Councilperson Reynolds noted that once the design is done, the project can be started and people could donate property.

Councilperson Shakeenab wanted to know if John Hilborn, the City's Project Manager had been consulted. Jennifer Letourneau detailed his role in this type of project.

Councilperson Redd stated that if it does not make it into the budget now there can always be a budget amendment later.

Jennifer Letourneau would like to take a closer look at the map and the different aspects. Councilperson Reynolds reported that the Regional Planning Commission suggested that the project be completed in several phases.

Jennifer Letourneau suggested that a Greenway meeting should be conducted annually to discuss future plans. Jennifer Letourneau also discussed her current priorities.

Councilperson Reynolds pointed out that this is a lower-income area and the trail would allow better access to grocery stores and other connections.

Councilperson Holleman suggested a Greenway edition Committee Meeting with all the stakeholders including Mark Holleman, John Hillborn, Jeff Tyndall, and Councilperson Reynolds.

Councilperson Shakeenab requested an update on the golf courses. Brad Damron detailed the recent and upcoming events taking place at Swan Lake Golf Course.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **VIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

None

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Councilperson Redd made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Shakeenab seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

*Meeting minutes were prepared by Leigh Harpel.  
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