



**PARKS + RECREATION COMMITTEE
JULY 12, 2022 AT 4:30PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 4TH FLOOR
MEETING MINUTES**

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

II. CALL TO ORDER

The Parks and Recreation Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Holleman at 4:30 p.m. on July 12, 2022.

III. ANNOUNCE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Councilperson Travis Holleman
Councilperson Joe Shakeenab
Councilperson Stacey Streetman

Councilpersons Wanda Allen and Wallace Redd were absent.

IV. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

- June 13, 2022

Councilperson Streetman made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilperson Shakeenab 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

- Jennifer Letourneau informed the committee that the department would like to combine two part-time facility manager positions to make one full-time position. They have already budgeted for three part-time positions and will still hire one part-time facility manager but no new money will be needed.

Councilperson Streetman commented that the department had recently done this. Jennifer Letourneau agreed and mentioned that the Police Department had done it too.

Councilperson Holleman asked what the job entailed. Michelle Austin responded that this would be the facility manager for the Wilma Rudolph Event Center and Freedom Point at Liberty Park. This person will be the liaison between the City and the renters, ensuring everyone has what they need and rules are followed. She informed them that someone must be there at all times when the facility is being rented. This will give the flexibility to have the current Facility Promotions Supervisor there during the day and a full-time employee there in the evening.

Councilperson Streetman wanted to know what happens when both facilities are rented at the same time. Jennifer Letourneau replied that the same person covers and checks in with both facilities throughout the day.

Jennifer Letourneau mentioned that the facilities are booked up and it is a struggle to cover the weekend rentals. She noted that if a renter stays late and does not clean up it becomes a very serious problem the next day. Councilperson Holleman asked if the renters are fined. Jennifer Letourneau informed him that the deposit would be kept.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Jennifer Letourneau invited the Committee to the Sherwood Forest Park Playground ribbon cutting on Thursday at 4:00 pm.
- Jennifer Letourneau reported that the Coy Lacy playground will not be installed until October.
- Jennifer Letourneau informed the Committee that as of August 1, the department will be taking over the programming and operation of the L&N Train Depot. There are plans for maintenance of the facility. Jennifer is also looking forward to historical programming and hosting events at that location. Councilperson Streetman asked if they would keep the small farmer's market. Jennifer responded that they will definitely honor that commitment and might even embellish it if possible.

- Jennifer Letourneau shared the department's priorities as well as the mission and values. Jennifer also reviewed the department's Strategic Planning tracking spreadsheet which is a document that is updated frequently.

Councilperson Streetman asked if the department could partner up with CTS to offer free rides to events. Michelle Austin responded that it is something they are already looking into doing in order to reach more of the community.

Councilperson Streetman inquired about an updated breakdown of park acreage in the wards now that the lines have been redrawn. Jennifer Letourneau responded that it had not been updated but is something that could be done.

- Jennifer Letourneau stated that starting next month they will be giving the Committee quarterly updates on the Greenway that can be carried through to the Council. These updates will include current projects and priorities. Jennifer suggested inviting members of the community to be involved and have a separate meeting time dedicated to the Greenway.
- Michelle Austin reported that The Hub will host its first event in August at Burt Cobb Recreation Center with the potential to eventually move it to the L&N Train Station. This event will bring the community's existing wellness providers together in one location for a monthly event. Children's activities will also be provided while the parents are connecting with the service providers. The partners that have already agreed to participate were discussed and other suggestions were made.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Streetman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Shakeenab seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.