

Parks and Recreation Board  
February 18, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.  
Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities, 1920 Grand Avenue

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Members' Term Attendance</u> (mtgs attended-mtgs absent)	<u>End of Current Term of Office</u>
<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	Brandt, Valerie (via Zoom)	(22-24)	06/20/21
	Clark, Chris	(10-8)	02/11/24
	Heim, Michael	(12-6)	02/03/24
	Lanham, Annette	(8-0)	02/03/24
	Luedtke, Patti	(5-0)	08/31/25
	Nelson, Pam (via Zoom)	(17-1)	02/03/24
	Nelson, Scott (via Zoom)	(6-0)	07/27/25
	Supple-Bish, Mary	(15-3)	02/03/24
<b>MEMBERS ABSENT :</b>	Grace, Darrell	(24-9)	06/20/21
<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Chuck Kempf, Director Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Jeffrey Atkins, Assistant Director Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities Jessica Oshel, Special Events & Communications Coordinator		

**Call to Order.**

Chairman Chris Clark called the meeting to order at 4:00pm,

**ITEM #2 - Approval of minutes**

Approved

**ITEM #3 – Updates:**

- a. Hyde Park Splash Park – There has not been a lot of progress on site due to the weather. There have been some behind the scenes work on how to operate automation. Work will resume as soon as the weather breaks.
- b. John Lucas Park Update – Capital Improvement funding would not be available until 2022, with the assistance from CDBG funding the project has been moved up. We have gone out for bid on asphalt resurfacing of basketball courts, multi-purpose court, and new LED sports lighting around the entire block. Looking at possibly awarding the bid next month.
- c. Corby Pond CAP Agreement – Like Krug Park we are in talks with Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) on a CAP agreement (Community Assistance Program.) With the agreement MDC provide fish, check water clarity and quality. This past year we had heavy vegetation growth and they had been working to eradicate. The CAP agreement we would like is one that includes renovations. The renovations we would like are 2 floating docks, one on the east side and west side of the pond. We have been working on providing MDC with Proof of Ownership of the pond. We have been approached by a private individual who would like to provide funds for fountains - 3 surface fountains and 1 subsurface. This would be if funds are available.
  1. Mike Heim – question – what type of fishing. Jeff Atkins responded that Corby will be catch & take unlike Krug which is catch & release.
  2. Chris Clark – question – how long it has been since we had fountains. It has been at least 10 years. They were removed since we did not have funds to repair & replace.

- d. Civic Arena Assessment – copies of handouts were distributed. Those not attending in person will have copies mailed to them. These are the same handouts given during the Council work session last night. Staff have divided the improvements into Tiers. The suggested Tiers are grouped to provide for priorities, arena schedule, and available funding. During the work session council wanted to bump some features up to Tier 1, which would be approximately \$8 million. Total project cost would be approximately \$25 million.
- Tier 1 – Projects to attract the NCAA National Championship - \$1,000,000
  - Tier 2 – Infrastructure repairs - \$6,345,000
  - Tier 3 – Infrastructure repairs - \$8,000,000
  - Tier 4 – Enhancements to improve experience - \$9,000,000.
1. Chris Clark – question - what did they want moved up – response: new LED lighting (instant on-off system,) sound system, emergency generator to support lights, heating & cooling systems, restroom renovations (including ADA upgrades,)
  2. Chuck Kempf stated we were asked to put a list together on short notice prior to the work session.
  3. Chris Clark – question – how many of the repairs are included in the CIP Sales Tax projects – response: none of them are on the current CIP projects, nor is the lighting on the energy project. The original thought was the possibility of arena being replaced.
  4. Chuck Kempf – the Interim City Manager has been asked to put together funding sources for the council.
  5. The Civic Arena this past year had zero revenue, but during the year we were an emergency shelter for southside residents, PPE distribution site, COVID vaccination site.
- e. 2021 Aquatic Operational Plan - COVID – handouts were given on the 2021 Aquatic Park Operational Plan – the document is liquid and could change, as we are trying to be in compliance with all CDC aquatic plans. Our plan limits the number of people in facility at once. Aquatic Park – Monday-Saturday – 3 sessions per day, 2 hours per session. Sunday – 2 sessions per day, 2 hours per session. After each session patrons will be asked to leave for cleaning and sanitizing. Krug Park will be the same parameters but 5 days per week, which is expanded from what we have been offering. Will we have pre-purchase on-line daily tickets; in person ticket sales will be on availability for that session. Pods will be set up for families for a place to gather while not in water, this will help keep everyone distanced from each other. Restrooms will be limited number of people at one time. As the plan is set out it will give 20 swim sessions per week, with approximately 80 per session. If we would be at capacity our projected numbers would be an increase over past years. We still foresee an issue with staffing, most staff do not want to work on weekends. This proposal has not been presented to council yet.
1. Mary Supple-Bish – question –Price for admission – response: no decision has been made on that as of yet We will be getting with the Interim City Manager to discuss. If the board has ideas or feedback, please get to us.
  2. Annette Lanham – question – in the operational plan it states only one session per day per person. If you have a child with you and they are throwing a fit wanting to stay longer and there are openings shouldn't they be able to purchase? – response: the operational plan is just our initial thoughts, this will probably be adjusted.
  3. Chris Clark – the idea of pre-paying would encourage them to come. If it is just a reserved spot they might not show, which prevents others from using that spot.
  4. Mike Heim – question – Repairs to lap pool – response: we have \$450,000 for repairs, but the bids came back as \$1.2 million. Council decided they did not have the funds to dump into minimum 5 to at best 10-year repair. Lap pool will remain closed. Consultant determined that the 1.2 million was the best solution. Next thought was a total replacement,

which would be \$6 to \$7 million or splash park 1.5 million or replace entire for with new and/or indoor. To get more funding it will probably be bonds or dedicated Park CIP fund. If we had a dedicated fund over a 5-year period it could generate between \$25-\$35 million.

5. Annette Lanham – question – Opening Date – response: the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.

### **ITEM #3 – Upcoming Events**

- a. Outlaw Adventure Run – March 27 - run through Krug Park with some man made and natural obstacles – \$60 per participant.
- b. Corby the Leprechaun & Hidden Clovers – March 12-22, 2021 - clover clues throughout park that will lead people to Corby the Leprechaun – promote being outdoors, physical activity, family time, and critical thinking.

### **ITEM #4 –Open Discussion**

- b. Annual Report distributed – any members not in attendance the report will be mailed.
- c. Chris Clark and Scott Nelson will work on letters of support for the Corby CAP agreement, and Civic Arena.
- d. Scott Nelson – at the work session what was the first reaction to the \$10 million – response: their reaction was to ask the Interim City Manager where the funds would come from. Try to figure out, but on board with project. They will be working to determine what would be the best approach before going to voters.
- e. Scott Nelson – question – Civic Arena repairs – what is critical for the NCAA, and how quickly will the work need to be done to attract the tournament. – response: based on the last time we hosted we would have 6 to 9 months before the Summer 2022 site inspection. Since some of the items are equipment & installation, we would not have much design/build process. The smaller items can be done within a years' time. The larger projects like restrooms, lights, we would have to trying to limit disruption to normal operation.

### **ITEM #5 –Public Comment**

No public comments

### **ITEM #6 - Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn meeting, seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 18, 2021, 4:00pm** at Parks, Recreation & Civic Facilities office, 1920 Grand Avenue.

Minutes respectfully submitted,  
Lori Frederick, Executive Administrative Assistant