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Bondurant Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes
April 21, 2022

1. Roll Call

Present: Miller, Collison, Karwoski, Williams

Absent: Robinson, Lyman, Simpson

City Officials Present: City Administrator Marketa Oliver, Events and Communications Specialist Nicole Van Houten, Planning and Community Development Director Maggie Murray, and Associate Planner Emily Rizvic

2. Call to Order and Declaring a Quorum

Board Member Miller called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared a quorum.

3. Abstentions declared

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Park & Rec 22-3

Motion by Karwoski seconded by Williams to approve March 10, 2022 minutes. Vote on Motion 4-0. Motion carried.

5. Perfecting and Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Karwoski seconded by Williams to approve the April 21, 2022 agenda. Vote on Motion 4-0. Motion carried.

6. Guests requesting to address the Parks Board

	Present:	Jake Niles
	Representing:	Niles Engineering Co.
	Discussion:	Jake Niles was invited to this month's Park and Recreation Board meeting to provide any answers to the board about the Bondurant Dog Park site plan, which he designed pro-bono over 4 years ago.

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		Miller asked the board what the purpose of Jake's visit was. Van Houten exclaimed that the board had mentioned moving the entrance of the Dog Park to the opposite side due to the complaint received during the last board meeting. This would be the opportunity to ask or consider this option. The entrance would then be further from the community playground in the Petocka South Shelter area. Miller asked if this was still in regard to one person's feedback? Van Houten affirmed Miller's question. Williams said that the community member's feedback also included a concern about the Dog Park's location in relation to the sports complex. By adjusting the entrance of the Dog Park, the distance to the sports complex remains the same. Miller pointed out that he is not concerned about changing the entrance of the Dog Park. Karwoski noted that the park users will still walk past the playground to access the Dog Park. Niles had no comment.
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7. Action Items

a. DART Swim Bus Program

Present: Communications and Events Specialist Nicole Van Houten

Representing: City staff.

Discussion: Met with the Chief Planning Officer Luis Montoya from DART on 4-6-2022 to discuss the Swim Bus Program. Luis mentioned that the ridership for the Swim Bus has been low for

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the past few years. He couldn't track down data, but the drivers mentioned that only 2 kids were transported last season.

A community survey was published on 4-4-2022, which collected 57 responses out of 1,111 points of contact (households opted into the Bondurant Newsletter, The Bounce). According to the survey results, the bus stops are not a problem, but we may want to accommodate the new developments in town. If the ridership increases, then we should consider adjusting the stops. 63% of the survey takers are aware of the program and 91% of the survey takers do not participate in the program. 42% of the survey takers go to the Altoona Aquatics Park, while 57% do not.

Attached are the community survey results.

After the meeting with DART, it was determined we have two options:

1. Add the Cinemark Theatre as a stop, which would be right in front of the movie theater's doorway. Add Adventureland as a stop, which would be a stop located in front of Adventureland Inn (hopeful that a trolley would transport the kids to the Adventureland entrance). There will be a total of 3 destination stops.
2. Reroute to Ankeny, which will include a stop at The District (kids can choose their activity, which may include AR Workshop (arts and crafts), several dining options (brunch and lunch, ice cream, cookies, etc), multiple outdoor concerts or festivals, The Operating Room (arcade), several shopping options, B&B Theatre (bowling, arcade, and movie theater), and the Ankeny Kirkendall Public Library is close. Maybe the teens will choose the gym, yoga/barre studio, or beauty salons in the District. Add a stop to the Praire

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Ridge Aquatic Center, which is within walking distance of Praire Ridge Skate Park. There will be a total of 2 destination stops and add only 5 minutes to the bus ride.

Let us rename this program - what should it be?

Motion by Karwoski was seconded by Robinson to keep the program's bus route in Altoona and add the Cinemark Movie Theatre, and Adventureland. Vote on Motion 4-0. Motion carried.

8. Discussion Items -

a. Central Park Advisory Board Meeting

Present: Tom Rogers, J Blue, and Jake Jenkins

Representing: The SmithGroup

Discussion: The SmithGroup Agenda:

1. The goal of the park board meeting is to finalize priorities and get thoughts on the preferred approach.
2. Review three conceptual plans (A, B, and C) for Central Park. Provide input and be open to discussion.
3. Interact in the "Build a Park Activity" to gauge amenities that will scale appropriately in the proposed design.
4. Review the project area and preliminary thoughts for the skate park and provide input before the SmithGroup finalizes a design.

The Skate Park possibilities were unveiled to the Parks and Recreation Board, including the many park feature options. Karwoski expressed that the skate park's final plan will need to include the Bondurant Standard Park Kit minus the open-air shelter. Miller stated that there should be less grass space and more skate features. Collison proclaimed that she would prefer to redirect the skate park's features planning for the skating community and the users of the park.

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The Community Center spec options were revealed to the Parks and Recreation Board. The board agreed that there should be indoor/outdoor access for restrooms and concessions. The community center should be one level, including approximately 1950 sq ft and 1214 sq ft rooms that would include a partition that can open up to accommodate over 200 people. Would prefer a larger footprint. The design should include a contemporary modern overhang for ease of outdoor event space. The entire project should take into consideration the most sustainable practices, making this space the best practice for all other facilities planned in Bondurant.

Williamson expressed concern about the logistics of the park trail crossing Grant St S. He viewed the crossing as a challenge in all three concepts presented. He also prefers the skate park to have a distinct connection to Central Park, including the placement aligning with the placement of the skate park. Robinson likes concept B because of the amount of open green space and the location of the larger park space, making it a better focal point.

9. Reports and Comments:

a. Administrator

Present: Marketa Oliver, City Administrator

Representing: City Administration

Discussion: None.

b. Board Members

Miller: none.

Collison: none.

Karwoski: Many families in the Quail Run neighborhood were not able to attend the Keep Bondu Beautiful Event, but still participated by collecting trash. They had over 5 bags of trash collected and placed in the Efnor Estates Park, which they called City Hall to have Public Works collect. Such a great event to clean up the community.

Van Houten: There have been some additional clean-up program proposals that have been brought up, which may include a year-long recognition program including those that send in photos of trash being picked up in the parks. An award will be won. Another proposal is encouraged by the Metro Waste Authority to consider a trash bash in the

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fall.

Williams: none.

c. Staff

Present: Nicole Van Houten, Communications and Events Specialist

Representing: City Staff

Discussion: On **March 14, 2022**, Babysitting Basics was taught at the Bondurant Community Library. The class maximum was 20 and there were 3 kids on a waiting list. The Iowa State Extension Office provides this curriculum for \$30/child. \$130 goes towards future Parks and Recreation Programs. The class covers basic first aid, home safety, diapering a baby, and other do's and don'ts of babysitting. The instructors are very engaging and do a great job teaching the kids.

On **April 10, 2022**, the Dog Park Committee hosted a Doggie Easter Egg Hunt at the site of the future dog park. 37 dog owners and many dog friends and family joined the fun, which probably constituted a crowd of minimally 100 (probably more). All dogs had to pre-register (agree to the waiver verifying vaccinations) and pay a \$5 fee. Reclaimed Rails Brewing Company, Petsakes in Altoona, and Pampered Pooch donated coupons to the egg hunt. The Bondurant Easter Bunny made an appearance and the photos were \$5 per family, which the Easter Bunny split with the dog park committee. Local professional photographer Haley Greenfield took photos. The committee raised over \$200. This is going to be an annual event. There was a lot of enthusiasm for the future dog park.

Keep Bondu Beautiful was hosted on **April 16, 2022**. Even with it being the Easter holiday weekend, 100 people volunteered to "team up to clean up." Metro Waste Authority waived their deposit requirement to rent their litter

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grabbers and high-vis vests, which was well appreciated. Casey's General Store donated 10 pizzas - during the event, 4 breakfast pizzas were offered during check-in and 4 pizzas were offered at the end of the event. The pizza didn't last very long. The other two coupons that were given away are prizes, along with Iowa Cubs' free admission tickets, Reclaimed Rails Free Pint coupons, Brickstreet Market gift cards, and Jeffie Pop Goodies Basket. The volunteers filled two 8-yard dumpsters, which is equivalent to 3,200 gallons. That is 160 normally filled 30-gallon trash bags.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Williams seconded by Karwoski to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Vote on Motion 4-0. Motion carried.

Nicole Van Houten
Communications and Events Specialist

ATTEST:

Joe Miller
Board Member