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Bondurant Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes
January 19, 2023

1. Roll Call

Present: Miller, Collison, Robinson, Karwoski, Simpson, Williams

Absent: Lyman

City Officials Present: City Administrator Marketa Oliver, Planning and Community Director Maggie Murray, Communications and Events Coordinator Nicole Van Houten

2. Call to Order and Declaring a Quorum

Called to order and declared a Quorum at 6:01 PM

3. Abstentions declared

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

a. Park Rec 22-11

Motion by Miller seconded by Williams to approve November 17, 2022 minutes after a typo is amended. Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.

5. Perfecting and Approval of the Agenda

Enter Karwoski at 6:05 PM

Motion by Miller seconded by Williams to approve the January 19, 2023 agenda. Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.

6. Guests requesting to address the Parks Board

7. Action Items

a. Bondurant Water Tower Public Art Selection

Present: Alex Braidwood

Representing: Group Creative

City Council hired Group Creatives to solicit the design of three artists for a water tower public art project. The artists will only generate the design, as the water tower contractor will

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be painting the design from a large stencil that is created.

Williams asked if the artwork would be viewable from the east. Braidwood responded that the artwork would be a complete wrap of the proposed water tower.

The first artist was Jennifer Leatherby. Leatherby shared her biography and described her artwork as an abstract piece including design elements representing the rails to trails, which is a hallmark of "life connecting." The design is simple and can be adjusted once the water tower specifications are final.

The second artist was Kevin Ha. Ha shared his biography and described his artwork representing growth and abundance by placing a flower and providing elements representing the gap between Des Moines and Bondurant.

The third artist was Marissa Hernandez. Hernandez shared her biography and described her artwork representing the rail to trails by placing a train and representing the residential growth by placing houses along the design.

Enter Simpson at 6:10 PM

Robinson stated that he did not think the third artist's interpretation, including a toy train in the design, represents Bondurant's brand. The second artist's design is too busy, and the City's logo needs better definition. The first artist's design is nice, but Robinson wants to see the City's logo enlarged. Leatherby responded that the logo is based on the brand guide's specifications and she wouldn't have the authority to alter the dimensions. Oliver states that City Council could approve alterations to the logo's specifications. Like the Nike swoosh, Bondurant wants to be easily recognizable in the artwork on the water tower.

Miller stated that if the City's logo is enlarged, the "life connecting" print will not be legible in an art piece considered for the water tower. Viewing it so far away and a person who is not familiar with the Bondurant logo wouldn't know what it is. Karwoski questioned if the artwork needed to include "life connecting."

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Motion by Karwoski, seconded by Miller, to recommend the City Council to select Jennifer Leatherby's artwork for the Bondurant Water Tower after adjusting the City logo. Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.

8. Discussion Items -

9. Reports and Comments:

a. City Administrator

Oliver reported that City Council received a donation from the Storey Kenworthy Foundation of \$10,000 for the future skate park. Oliver also reported that 1,000 Friends of Iowa announced the Bondurant Community Library as the winner of its 2022 Best Development Award for the renovated civic category. A ceremony is scheduled next week at the Iowa State Capitol Rotunda.

Oliver reported that a street project came up that will possibly delay the construction of City Park.

Oliver asked the board if they would be interested in establishing a 501c3 Friends of the Park. There would be new grant opportunities that would become available. Collison supports the idea because the board needs more funds to enhance our community offerings. Miller is in support. Karwoski asked if this is what Bondurant Community Foundation can help with. Oliver stated that they already operate as a separate 501c3 entity.

b. Communications and Events Coordinator

Van Houten shared the 2022 Parks and Recreation Annual Report, the Christmas in Bondurant Event Report, and the Cribbage Tournament Report. Simpson asked to add wrestling and football club rec numbers to the annual report. Van Houten responded that she will work on capturing that information.

Van Houten had a few program proposals for the board to consider.

1. Intro to Pickleball hosted by Lifetime Fitness on Tuesdays/Thursdays during the summer.
2. A Home Alone Awareness course hosted by Polk County Sherriff's Office and the Bondurant Emergency Services staff. The class will be hosted at the library on April 14, which is a no-school day.
3. Tot Soccer league for four years olds.

Robinson asked if it would be an introduction to pickleball class each session or will they play pickleball each session. Only four people can

play at a time, since there is only one court - is that all the program will offer? Simpson asked if it would be skills and drill, then play. Karwoski asked if an abbreviated program could be considered because 10-weeks is a long series. Miller asked if it was \$10.50 per class or do participants pay a flat rate for the entire series. Van Houten responded that she would have to ask Lifetime Fitness or invite them to the next board meeting to clarify.

Robinson asked if the Bondurant Soccer Club hosts a 4-year-old program already. Van Houten responded that they don't. The purpose of considering this program is to offer a program that is not available today for Bondurant residents. Van Houten evaluated the recreational gaps that are not covered today and wanted to begin with tot soccer, then consider tot football, basketball, baseball, etc. Van Houten wants Bondurant Parks and Recreation to remain relevant in recreation.

Oliver suggested looking into open gym options at the school again - capture a quote, timeframe based on availability, then publish a community survey. Even though this program was offered in the past and not well utilized, it may be something the community wants today.

c. Board Members

Miller reported that the future Bondurant Skatepark received a lot of good and positive feedback on Facebook. The only concern that Miller noticed was about parking. The final rendering includes a good amount of parking already, correct? Oliver responded that parking is included, but most Skate Park traffic will be walkers, skaters, or bikers from the Gay Lea Wilson Trail.

Collison - None

Robinson reported concerns that the community doesn't understand that the city is covering the expense involved with the construction of Eagle Park, and that the Men's Club is funding the disc golf course. Van Houten responded that the Disc Golf Course hadn't been specifically promoted publically because we are allowing the Men's Club to share their project details, plus more details will be shared once the Disc Golf construction begins.

Karwoski - None

Lyman - None

Simpson - None

Williams - None

10. Adjournment

Motion by Miller seconded by Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 PM. Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.

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Nicole Van Houten
Communications and Events Coordinator

ATTEST:

Marian Collison
Board Vice Chair