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Bondurant Parks and Recreation Board
Minutes
October 19, 2023

1. Roll Call

Present: Rasmussen, Collison, Robinson, Karwoski,
Lyman, Simpson, and Williams

Absent: None.

City Officials Present: Communications and Events Coordinator
Nicole Van Houten and City Planner Isaac
Pezley

2. Call to Order and Declaring a Quorum

Called the meeting to order and declared a quorum at 6:01 PM

3. Abstentions declared

None.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Rasmussen seconded by Karwoski to approve September 28, 2023 meeting minutes. Vote on motion 6-0. Motion carried.

a. Parks & Rec 23-9: September 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes

5. Perfecting and Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Karwoski, seconded by Collison to approve October 19, 2023 meeting agenda. Vote on Motion 6-0. Motion carried.

6. Guests requesting to address the Parks Board

a. Group Creative will be providing an update on the Arts, Culture and Wayfinding Process

Enters Simpson.

Present: Lorin Ditzler.

Representing: Group Creative Team

Purpose: Provide an update on the Arts, Culture, and Wayfinding process. City Council approved the artist's proposal for the wayfinding project on Monday, October 16, 2023. The wayfinding process is moving forward. Below are some of the vision and the goals discussed thus far:

- Trail Experience(Make Bondurant's trail users' experience unique)
 - Add lighting in an artistic way
 - Imaged within the proposal will be examples ONLY, not true concepts.

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- Consider signs as trail users approach the community.
- Use of native plants (Allium, for example) that have a historical meaning or plants with meaning. Allium is of Native American descent and the Skunk River is named as it refers to the wild onion and the odor it exhibits.
- Decoration contest for property owners along the trail - bring cohesion and community connection.
- Stormwater Detention Basins
 - Engaging art structures
 - Eagle Park is already identified as a location for an interactive Art Feature. This project is being worked on by Group Creative and more details will be shared at a later date. This may impact the Disc Golf, which is either Phase Two or Phase Three of Eagle Park construction.
- Neighborhood Parks
 - Uniquely brand each park with a pacemaking feature.
 - Consider each year adding one feature until this initiative is complete.
- Lake Petocka
 - The southern entrance has been identified as a location for a more grand/significant feature identifying the park - whether it be a sign or an art feature.
 - This location is identified as seeking an artful Recognition/Sponsor art feature.
- Expand Bondurant's Downtown Footprint
 - North through the Landus Property to the current City Hall building and Library.
 - Repurpose the Silos
 - Artful crosswalks
 - Holiday Arch above the roadway
- Paine Street Business District/Development
 - Dress up the backside of the businesses which face Highway 65
 - Unique lighting to attract travelers from Highway 65
 - How to link this business district to Bondurant's Downtown district?
 - Banners which are of the same colors, brand, etc.
 - Sidewalk/Road Art of the same visual interest
- Library
 - Designated Art Hub with rotating display of Art
 - The corner of the library property at 2nd Street and Grant Street as a pacemaking spot - elevate this space
- School Pickup/Dropoff
 - Live mini-performances by school groups
 - Use as an announcement feature, perhaps establish a school radio station

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- Billboard or electronic sign with rotating announcements, visual interest piece. Perhaps interactive media similar to the Iowa DOT traffic safety signs on major interstates.
- Civic Campus
 - As the proposed vacant lots wait for development use the space to make Land Art; mow grass into an artful shape/image, use rock or dirt, etc.
- Reuse Old Fire Station
 - Architectural art utilizing bright colors, visually interesting building.
 - Interior will be open, inviting, vibrant and have multi-purpose use.
- Social Cohesion
 - Consider a Front Porch Program - bringing the neighbors together to visit one another and participate in a community program
 - Neighbors host live music
 - Every neighborhood has its own tree or flower planting requirement which identifies that neighborhood based on the tree/flower
- Engage School Art Students
 - Similar to Herkie on Parade or Cornival in Altoona have a variety of sculptures within the community that students can paint and redesign year after year
 - Similar to the Pink Flamingo Fundraiser have "flock with bluejays"
 - The students put their art on display at a local coffee shop or local small business to display art - an example would be a coffee cup wall
- Community Entrance
 - A large art piece
 - The Southern entrance may be a good start
 - The Hubbell Corridor on industrial buildings consider using vibrant paint or different forms of placemaking by expanding trail to these otherwise unattractive areas

Group Creative will send a follow up with more specific of the outline presented during this meeting. The Parks and Recreation Board will be required to send specific feedback by Friday, October 27.

The Arts, Culture, and Wayfinding Master Plan will include a priority list and actionable steps with resources for each proposal. The listing will include best practices and guidance on how to work with artists.

Robinson likes the idea of an island in a stormwater detention basin.

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Simpson likes the scale of options for the variety of art examples. Lyman would like to see Bluejays throughout the community. He likes the kayak launch and pedestrian water walking path example at Lake Petocka and can envision that being an attractive regional feature. Collison likes the idea of unique visuals on the back of the buildings located on Paine Street. Karwoski likes the idea of enhancing the old Landus property and would like the use of turf surfacing to be consider similar to Greenways in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Collison mentioned that Bondurant-Farrar School District has student art on display at the Ankeny Art Center, so perhaps there can be an overflow display within the Bondurant Community. Van Houten mentioned that the Bondurant Community Library already is an art hub and displays artwork from Bondurant-Farrar students. She will gather more information from the library regarding their program and the plans for their property on the corner of 2nd Street and Grant. Van Houten will also ask the Bondurant-Farrar School District their initial thoughts on what is to be included in the Arts, Culture and Wayfinding Master Plan thus far. Van Houten will also share the idea of the Social Cohesion items with the Initiative for Sustainable Communities (ISCC) team working on the Parks, Trails, and Greenway Master Plan update. Van Houten also plans to share the idea of displaying art within the local coffee shop. Rasmussen shared that each year the Bondurant-Farrar Seniors could have an opportunity to take ownership of a community project and establish it as a tradition with Senior Class participation from year to year. Lyman asked at what point do we begin engaging the Bondurant Chamber of Commerce. Lorin said that the Bondurant Chamber of Commerce has been involved at the start of this planning process, however, it is coming to the point that all partners and stakeholders will need to be engaged again. Lyman and Robinson stated it would be a simple adjustment to consider specific trees/flowers in neighborhoods with the help of updating the Zoning Code similar to what Pella, Iowa had done. Pezley shared that there is an Overlay District, which is an opportunity to make code enhancements in different zones.

7. Action Items

- a. The Playground Packet will be presented to the Parks and Recreation Board for review and approval for playground purchase at City Park. Van Houten shared a full recap of the Bondurant City Park planning process from 2021 to the current date. Outdoor Recreation Products finalized the playground features and placement and is ready to order the equipment. Motion by Williams seconded by Karwoski to approve the playground purchase with the addition of the vertical flower, but not the interactive panels. Vote on Motion 7-0. Motion carried.

8. Discussion Items -

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9. Reports and Comments:

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b. Board Members

Collison - Has shared Bondurant City Park construction plans with the Auxiliary Club and Bondurant Historical Society. Next, she will be sharing details with the Bondurant Civic Club.

Robinson - There is a tree board vacancy if anyone is interested in filling the seat. The tree sales were down this year and he believes it has to do with not offering a maple tree. There were approx 45 trees sold. The City of Bondurant purchases the trees that are not sold - 5 trees of each specific were added to the pre-sale and are offered for sale on-site during tree pick up.

Lyman - None

Simpson- None

Williams - None

Karwoski - None

Rasmussen - None

10. Adjournment

Motion by Williams seconded by Robinson to adjourn at 8:07 PM. Vote on Motion 7-0. Motion carried.

Nicole Van Houten
Communications and Events Coordinator

ATTEST:

Dennis Lyman
Board Chair