

Forestry & Parks Commission Meeting

4/14/2022 4:37-5:25pm

Zoom

Meeting called by: Derek Barry

Type of meeting: Forestry & Parks Commission

Facilitator: Derek Barry

Note taker: Derek Barry

Attendees: Commissioners Bridges, Child, Dexter, Huffington, Johnson, Community Services Manager Derek Barry

Minutes

Agenda item: Approval of the March 2022 meeting minutes

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: Approved the minutes of the March 2022 meeting.

Conclusions:

Approved

Agenda item: Bennett Property – Park name and theme

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: The Commission discussed the results from Daffodil Valley Elementary and the Sumner Library voting. Community Services Manager Barry shared his concern of the park being named “Creekside” as this could lead people and some of the residents of Creekside to believe or act as though the park was private or run by the Creekside HOA. The Commission was asked to cast their votes or their top three names over the next month. Taking all of the voting into account the Commission will be making a recommendation to the Mayor and Council, likely of two or three names that best represent the vision of the park as well as top ranked by each group or in whole.

Agenda item: Arbor Day

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion:

Reminder of the April 23rd Arbor Day planting - 63rd to 152nd – 20 qty Norwegian Sunset Maples, 20 Forum Black Gum –

Agenda item: Graffiti & Vandalism

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: The level of graffiti has dropped considerably. The idea of the graffiti wall could have unintended consequences. Staff shared concerns of who and how do you handle protected speech while also keeping a community feel. Community Services Manager Barry suggested this concept be kept as a possible approach if/when it needs to be discussed again.

Agenda item: Cemetery Trees

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: A large section of the biggest tree at the Cemetery came down during the April 4th wind event. Cemetery staff worked alongside Parks and PW staff to clear the tree and assess the damage. The pine tree will likely need to be removed in the coming months due to the wounds potential for rotting.

Agenda item: Parks Master Plan Update

Presenter: Derek Barry

Discussion: The Master Plans are slated for approval at the April 18th RCM. Staff submitted for funding through Congresswoman Strickland's office for a THUD grant. RCO grants are due May 3rd.