

TOWN OF COLLIERVILLE
Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Advisory Board
July 13, 2021 – 5:30pm
Agenda

CALL TO ORDER Chairman Rhylander

APPROVE AGENDA Chairman Rhylander

REVIEW / APPROVE – June 8, 2021 Minutes Chairman Rhylander

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEMS:

1. Board DiscussionsChairman Rhylander

- a. Pickleball Courts – Location
- b. Cricket Field – Location
- c. Bike Lanes – Initiatives

DIRECTORS REPORT Greg Clark

OTHER BUSINESSChairman Rhylander

ADJOURN: Next Meeting – August 10th



COLLIERVILLE
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Parks Advisory Board Meeting – July 13, 2021

Members Present: Kal Bhavaraju, Corinne Derenburger, Joe Ennis, Maureen Fraser, Jennifer Moerbe, Dave Rhylander, Kathy Thiele, Jimmy Turner

Members Absent: Micah Miller

Staff Present: Greg Clark, Tress Shields

Guest(s) Present: NONE

Dave Rhylander called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Corrine Derenburger made a motion to approve the agenda. Jimmy Turner seconded the motion. The board approved the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Kal Bhavaraju made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting. Jennifer Moerbe seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes.

Public Comments

NONE

Items

1. Pickleball Courts Location – Greg Clark stated that he wanted to get feedback regarding a location for pickleball courts. He pointed out that we have money for pickleball courts in this year's budget, and money for Cricket fields in the FY23 budget. The issue is that there is only enough money to build the courts/fields; there is no money for parking lots, lights, restroom facilities, etc. For us to move forward with these projects, we will have to build them in existing parks.

In the packet, Greg Clark provided copies of the design and pictures of the courts Bartlett recently built. They have six outdoor courts with full lighting. They have a few shade awnings and bleachers. Greg remarked that he really likes the design of their courts. The court size (155' x 117') is a little larger than two tennis courts.

Dave Rhylander asked about the number of courts that we would build. Greg Clark answered that we will build six outdoor courts. Dave then inquired if there

was room for expansion. Greg expressed that he does not think that there is an existing location that would allow for expansion. If we want more than six courts, we would have to go to a new piece of property. Kal Bhavaraju recommended an area near the tennis courts at H.W. Cox Park. Maureen Fraser suggested a different space to the left of the tennis courts. Greg agreed that we could look into those areas as well as a spot that Mayor Joyner had mentioned. Kal Bhavaraju inquired about an open space at W.C. Johnson Park. Greg replied that the space is currently used quite a bit. Jennifer Moerbe brought up a location near the spray park. Greg communicated that we could look at that spot as a potential location. He added that they could also look at Suggs Park for a potential location. Suggs is a practice only facility; no games are played there. The lower field is used and is needed, but we do not have to have the upper field. We could turn that field into pickleball courts.

Greg Clark acknowledged that we would look at Johnson West Complex at the end of the parking lot, Johnson East near the spray park parking lot, Suggs Park upper field, and four spots at Cox near the tennis courts.

2. Cricket Field Location – Greg Clark informed that a Cricket field is almost the size of two full soccer fields, so we would need approximately four acres to construct a field. He opened up the discussion for suggestions of potential locations. Greg said that we could look at the practice field at Hinton Park. That field is bigger than one soccer field but not as large as two. Also, he proposed looking at Nikki McCray Park with the idea of buying a piece of property west of the park. We could use the existing parking lot and restrooms. Kathy Thiel asked about the demographics of Cricket players. Kal Bhavaraju responded that players are from ages 20 to 40 years. He pointed out that there are leagues of about six to eight teams. There are fields in Bartlett, Memphis, and Little Rock. Kal commented that there are about 250 players in the league that he began playing.

Greg Clark announced that he will bring site plans for both to the board. The board members briefly discussed the two potential locations for the Cricket field. Greg stated that he will bring updates for the two locations for a Cricket field and the 4 to 5 locations for Pickleball courts.

3. Bike Lanes – Greg Clark reported that Alderman Fraser received an email from a resident regarding bike lanes. He placed a copy of a portion of the email in the packet. Basically, she was complaining about the lack of bike lanes. Greg noted that the Parks Advisory Board does not have much involvement with bike lanes; it is generally done in the development phase. Our concentration in Parks is on Greenbelt trails not bike lanes. However, we can do some of the things that the

citizen talked about such as signage on roadways and doing healthy kids initiatives. Greg affirmed that Dale Perryman, Town engineer, put in some of the bike lanes that we have currently. He explained that many years ago, the Town relied on developers to build roads; they did not require the developers to put in and pay for bike lanes.

Greg Clark voiced that he believes that engineering is looking into seeing what they can do. They will work with our department to get out signage and encourage citizens to ride bikes. Greg reported that we purchased a bike repair station that we will install on the square.

Director's Report

Greg Clark gave a review of the Independence Day Celebration (IDC). There was a massive crowd, and the weather was phenomenal. Dave Rhylander asked if he had gotten an attendance figure. Maureen Fraser replied that one of the citizen police officers told her that they were estimating 30,000 people were in the park; it was cheek to cheek. Greg reported that that was the biggest fireworks show we have ever done. Last year, we received a \$10,000 grant from Shelby County to add to our fireworks show for our 150th Anniversary. We were not able to shoot fireworks last year because of COVID; so this year, we did a \$40,000 fireworks show instead of a \$30,000 fireworks show.

Greg Clark conveyed that registration is ongoing for all fall sports. *Mamma Mia* is now showing at the Harrell Theatre. Greg pointed out that they are looking into bringing some traveling bands/shows to the Harrell Theatre. The staff is meeting with a group tomorrow about that. He stated that he will keep the board updated. He informed that the bid is going out soon for the parking lot at Hinton. He indicated that a lot of things are happening, and we are getting back to normal.

Joe Ennis wanted to know anyone's thoughts about the first Collierville Balloon Festival. Greg Clark revealed that he heard only positive things. Kal Bhavaraju expressed that he had several family friends that attended, and they had a wonderful time. Dave Rhylander reported that on Saturday night, they had over 700 tethered rides.

There was no other business. The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.