

**TOWN OF COLLIERVILLE**  
Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Arts Advisory Board  
October 12, 2021 – 5:30pm  
Agenda

CALL TO ORDER . . . . . Chairman Rhylander

APPROVE AGENDA . . . . . Chairman Rhylander

REVIEW / APPROVE – September 14, 2021 Minutes . . Chairman Rhylander

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ITEMS:

1. Capital Improvement Projects (update) . . . . . Greg Clark

DIRECTORS REPORT . . . . .Greg Clark

OTHER BUSINESS . . . . .Chairman Rhylander

ADJOURN: Next Meeting – November 9<sup>th</sup>



## **Parks Advisory Board Meeting – October 12, 2021**

**Members Present:** Kal Bhavaraju, Corrine 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:** Abigail Warren with The Daily Memphian

Dave Rhylander called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Corrine Derenburger made a motion to approve the agenda. Kal Bhavaraju seconded the motion. The board approved the agenda.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Joe Ennis made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 meeting. Jimmy Turner seconded the motion. The board approved the minutes.

### **Public Comments**

NONE

### **Items**

1. Capital Improvement Projects (Update) – Greg Clark reported that the major project that we have upcoming is Hinton Park Phase 2. We have funding from the LPRF Grant for this project. He reminded the board members that TDEC will officially announce the grant onsite at Hinton Park tomorrow at 11 a.m. The \$1 million grant includes \$500,000 from the State of Tennessee and \$500,000 from the Town of Collierville. Fifteen percent of the grant funding goes to the project design; thereby we will have \$850,000 for construction of Phase 2. We will work with Dalhoff Thomas Design on a design contract to present to the board.

Greg Clark stated that the project has four major components. The first and main component is the new playground which will have handicap accessibility and a treehouse, woodsy theme. The second component is the pavilion and a permanent stage at the performance lawn. We currently have electricity at the site and some

tier seating. The plan is to eventually have performances, concerts, movie events, etc. The third component is the asphalt trail to connect to the existing trail network in the park. The last component is additional parking spaces. Greg identified the parking area that he plans to include in the bid packet; it will have direct access to the playground and performance lawn.

Greg Clark moved to the next project...Hinton Park Parking Lot. He pointed out that this parking lot comes off Fleming Road and provides parking for the Flex Lawn. He and the staff discovered that people were not using the Flex Lawn for practices because they had to walk too far to get to the space. A few years ago, the Parks Advisory Board determined that this was a project we needed to do. We have gone through the design phase; DT Design did the design work for us for \$30,400. We bided out the project, and A & B Construction received the bid at \$339,838. They will start work on that in the fall through early spring.

The third Hinton Park project we will have is the disc golf expansion. Greg Clark explained that we are expanding to the east of the existing course. We are again using DT Design. The existing course is nine holes; we are expanding it to eighteen.

Cox Synthetic Turf Project: Greg Clark informed that this project involves renovating three of our soccer fields at H.W. Cox Park to synthetic turf fields. The projected cost is around \$1.2 million. The funding comes from the park improvement tax. We are working with Athletic Services Plus to get a design proposal to the Board of Mayor & Alderman (BMA). We used them for the turf fields at Johnson.

Macon Ridge Greenbelt: Greg Clark stated that the greenbelt trail just comes to a stop, so he wants to tie on to an existing sidewalk in Aston Woods over to Macon Ridge Drive to connect to the trail and do a pedestrian bridge over the creek and go over to Collierville Arlington Road and connect to the sidewalk. This is an 8' asphalt trail.

Pickleball Courts: Greg Clark recalled that we looked at three potential sites for the courts. One was at WC Johnson Park west complex. The second location was also at WC Johnson toward the end of the Spray Park. The third location was at Suggs Park. Greg informed that Derek Honeycutt's department recently received a bid approved by the BMA for new athletic lighting on the larger field at Suggs Park. The fields are only used for practices, so we could use the other field for Pickleball courts. There are restrooms nearby and plenty of parking. Greg expressed that he is building the six courts for Collierville play not for tournaments.

Town Square Improvements: Greg Clark mentioned that we have \$50,000 for improvements. He and the staff met onsite with Mr. Lewellen several times. Some of the things they would like to do with a portion of the money include up light existing trees, upgrade the landscaping, and add new seating/benches.

Cricket Field: Greg Clark pointed out that this is an FY23 project. Previously, we discussed two possible locations. One is at Nikki McCray Park. The ideal spot is an area near the park that the Town does not own; we would have to purchase the property. The advantage is that we have existing parking and restrooms at the park. The second potential site is Hinton Park. It is the undeveloped property on the Master Plan. Unfortunately, there are no roads, no parking, and no restrooms. The positives include the spot is designated for athletic fields (very flat) and will likely have low development costs.

### **Director's Report**

Greg Clark reported that all programs are going fairly well. We have had very few COVID issues. Our senior exercise classes had gotten their attendance numbers back up during the summer, but they have dropped slightly during fall. Recently, we had the Cox tennis courts resurfaced (courts 5 & 6). The job was completed this afternoon. Greg announced that during our November meeting, he will have Ashley Carver (Director of Tourism) to present the Christmas programs we have scheduled this year. Also, if she gets it completed by the next meeting, she will also present the economic impact report from the Bluff City Balloon Festival.

Greg Clark stated that board applications will likely become available towards the end of this month. He encouraged everyone on the board to reapply. He then mentioned that we typically do not have a meeting in December, so our November meeting is the last one for this year.

Joe Ennis discussed having a long term piece of property for the Balloon Festival. He noted that other festivals have permanent locations. Because the Town/Parks Department does not have property that they can use, Greg Clark suggested that the committee look for property either near a commercial district or school in order to have access to ample parking. Kathy Thiele gave the Collierville Arts Council updates. She reported that Arts in the Alley went very well; the event was packed. They are having limited auditions for *The Foreigner* because it was previously cast, but not everyone is able to continue with the production. The director for *Legally Blonde* was offered a different job, so she is no

longer directing the production. The show will have to change, but they have directors from the high school who will direct the production that replaces *Legally Blonde*.

There was no other business. Kathy Thiele made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Moerbe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.