



PARKS, RECREATION AND ARTS COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL MEETING RESULTS

June 23, 2021

City Hall Chambers, Room 201

Chairperson Mastorakos called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Those in attendance included:

Chairperson Mary Ann Mastorakos, Ward II

Councilmember, Dan Hurt, Ward III

Councilmember, Gary Budoor, Ward IV

Also in attendance were:

Director of Parks, Recreation & Arts, Tom McCarthy

Executive Assistant, Parks, Recreation & Arts, Ann-Marie Stagoski

Agenda Item #1: Election of the Liaison to the Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee

Councilmember Hurt moved to appoint Councilmember Mastorakos as liaison to the Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee. Councilmember Budoor seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, the motion was passed by a voice vote of 3 to 0.

Agenda Item #2: Approval of Minutes

The meeting results of the May 25, 2021 Parks, Recreation & Arts Committee of Council Meeting were submitted for approval. Councilmember Hurt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Budoor, to approve the meeting results. There being no discussion, the motion was passed by a voice vote of 3 to 0.

Agenda Item #3: Kilo Art Donation Recommendation

Director McCarthy explained that the Kilo family is offering to purchase and donate the piece of artwork named *The Hartsfield-Portal to Metamorphosis*. They would like it placed at the Riparian Trailhead near Lydia Hill Road. The City would provide the sign and base. If additional funding is secured the remainder of the project proposed could be completed. The Parks, Recreation & Arts Citizens Advisory Committee voted to accept the sculpture and the location for a five-year term. The sculpture is on order and should be completed in the fall. It will be 9 feet tall. Councilmember Mastorakos asked how the pollinator garden could be managed to minimize the "weedy" look that can be characteristic of pollinator gardens. Director McCarthy stated that the maintenance team had experience in this area and that they could make it low growth and minimize the need for watering.

There was additional discussion on what would happen if zero or partial funds were raised for the remainder of the proposed project. Nothing would go forward until funds were raised. It will currently take minimal staff time and approximately \$50 for concrete to install the concrete footing and the sculpture.

Councilmember Hurt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Mastorakos, to approve the recommendation to accept the sculpture donation and place it at the Riparian Trailhead and move it on to full council. There being no discussion, the motion was passed by a voice vote of 3 to 0.

Agenda Item #4: Logan Park Approved Layout

Director McCarthy explained that the Parks Department had hosted its last Open House regarding Logan Park on June 3. At that time the consultants still had parking off Schoettler Road. Mr. Bill Hembeger had reached out to Logan University regarding the possibility of having the parking entrance off of the university's south entrance road. Mr. Hembeger communicated that Logan University was open to this and an additional meeting was arranged with representatives from Logan, Director McCarthy and Mr. Hembeger. Dr. McDonald and Adil Khan from Logan confirmed that the entrance to Logan park and the Parking was an option and they were fully onboard to move forward.

Moving the parking back solves several concerns expressed by residents. It will minimize noise to neighboring houses. Parking can be closer to the playgrounds and restrooms. There will not be any blind spots on Schoettler Road and it allows for me green space on the road frontage. Additional funds will be needed to cover the cost of added pavement for this type of entrance.

Councilmember Hurt moved to accept the recommendation of the PRCAC and approve Alternate 2 (phase 1). with the additional required funds not to exceed \$29,000 to be taken from the Parks Fund Fund Reserve. Councilmember Mastorakos seconded the motion.

Councilmember Budoor asked if there would be one entrance and one exit. Director McCarthy explained that yes, there would be one and that is easier to secure. Additional questions answered were that there would be slanted parking and no bike lane. The four tenths of a mile trail would be crushed stone and not appropriate for a bike lane. It was approximated that the restrooms were about 80 feet from the pavilion.

Director McCarthy further explained that MSD had to approve the layout. Councilmember Hurt suggested that shade be added near the playground and that the police be consulted on orientation for the doors of the restroom. Councilmember Budoor inquired about the lighting to which Director McCarthy explained that there would be security dusk to dawn lights on the pavilion, restroom facility and the parking lot.

There being no further discussion, the motion was passed by a voice vote of 3 to 0.

Agenda Item #5: Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

Agenda Item #6: New Business

No new business.

Agenda Item #7: Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Mastorakos adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.