



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date:	16 February 2021	Location:	Zoom
Chair:	Joshua Dietz	Recorder:	Michael Clark
Call to Order:	5:30 p.m.	Adjourn:	6:19 p.m.

Section I - Attendees

Name	Position
Joshua Dietz	Board Chair
Lauren Hartman	Board Vice Chair
Chris Bryant	Board Member
Melanie Crovo	Board Member
Pete Eshelman	Board Member
William Modica	Board Member
Jared Rigby	Board Member
Jerome Stephens	Board Member
Sue Williams	Board Member
Michael Clark	Director
Patrick Boas	Recreation Manager
Cindy McFall	Parks Manager

Section II - Standing Agenda Items

Item	Discussion
Call to Order	Joshua Dietz called the meeting to order.
Roll Call	Joshua Dietz called roll
Approval of Minutes (Action Required)	Chris Bryant made a motion to approve January 2021 minutes. Motion seconded by Sue Williams. January 2021 minutes approved by unanimous vote.
Public Comments	N/A
Member Comments	<p>Melanie Crovo stated she participated in a PlayQuest group. Ms. Crovo has received positive feedback about the various PlayQuest activities. Melanie Crovo also mentioned she has observed people driving motorized scooters on the greenway in the southeast area.</p> <p>William Modica proposed planting a tree in honor of Dan Henry's years of service to the City of Roanoke.</p> <p>Michael Clark replied stating a tree was planted at Smith Park honoring Dan Henry.</p> <p>Sue Williams stated the center lines are a good addition to the greenway. Toward the end of the meeting, Chris Bryant asked about sharing comments on the Mill Mountain Trails Plan and when the Board would vote on it. Chairman Dietz said that the Board would vote on the plan during the March meeting.</p>
Director Comments	<p>Michael Clark asked if anyone had questions about the recent status reports.</p> <p>Pete Eshelman asked if there have been reports pertaining to Ebike incidents on the greenways and trails.</p> <p>Michael Clark responded stating there have not been a significant number of reports. There have been less than a dozen comments. The comments have been behavior based and not equipment based.</p>

Section III – New Business Items

Item	Discussion
Board Leadership	<p>Joshua Dietz stated his board member term expires March 2021 and his term as Board Chair expires May 2021. Mr. Dietz is not eligible for reappointment to the PRAB after March 2021. Bylaws state that when an elected member becomes unavailable then an emergency election has to take place. An emergency election can take place in March 2021, or the Vice Chair can take over the duties of the Chair until a replacement is found. The person selected during an emergency election will fulfill Chair duties for April and May 2021 until May elections are held. May elections will be for a full term.</p> <p>The following board members terms end in 2022: Pete Eshelman, William Modica, Luke Priddy and Jared Rigby</p> <p>The following board members terms end in 2023: Chris Bryant, Melanie Crovo, and Lauren Hartman</p> <p>The following board members terms end in 2024: Jerome Stephens</p> <p>Two new members, Diane Simmons and Terry McGuire, will start in April 2021. The two newly elected members will be replacing Sue Williams and Matthew Kelley.</p> <p>Lauren Hartman has agreed to serve as Acting Board Chair for the months of April and May 2021.</p>

Section IV – Old Business Items

Item	Discussion
City Code Update	<p>Joshua Dietz sent a letter to City Council proposing that the Code of the City of Roanoke be revised.</p> <p>Michael Clark stated there are a couple of administrative items he would like to include. These items will address park naming and park classifications.</p> <p>Melanie Crovo stated she would like for the city code revision to address tree protection.</p>
Youth Athletics Refresh Update	<p>Patrick Boas provided an update on the most recent youth athletics meeting. Mr. Boas stated that moving forward, the group will focus on the three potential options for refreshing youth athletics, the pros and cons of each option and examine the best ways to execute proposed solutions. The three potential options for refreshing youth athletics include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Roanoke Parks and Recreation will handle youth athletics in-house. 2) Roanoke Parks and Recreation will provide facilities only. 3) Roanoke Parks and Recreation will provide a hybrid option sharing responsibilities with the recreation clubs. <p>The youth athletics survey results were compiled. Completed surveys were received from stakeholders and citizens providing community input. There were a wide range of responses and requests from citizens. The Work Group Committee (Youth Athletics Refresh Committee) will schedule a meeting to draft a comprehensive youth athletics report. The following people serve on the Work Group Committee: Joshua Dietz, Jerome Stephens, Pete Eshelman, Patrick Boas, Samantha Dickenson, Michael Clark and Brent Robertson (project sponsor).</p>

Section V – Other Business Items

Item	Discussion
N/A	N/A



Section VI Next Meeting

Title	Name	Position
Chair	TBD	Board Chair
Recorder	Michael Clark	Director

Date	Time	Location
16 March 2021	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Zoom

