

# Indianola Park and Recreation Commission

## Meeting Minutes

The Indianola Parks and Recreation Commission held a meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2020 at 5:00 pm at the Activity Center Buxton Room. Those present were:

Drew Brazie  
Joel Hoger  
Kerry Koonce  
Kathy Turnball

Also present were:

Doug Bylund  
Elodie Opstad

### *Public Consideration/Correspondence*

Elodie Opstad presented the plan that Park Friends has been working on for the Buxton Park Pavilion that would be built around the current location of the Gazebo.

### *Consent Items*

The consent agenda consisting of the following was approved on a motion by Turnball and seconded by Brazie, unanimous approval.

Approve Agenda  
Approve May 27, 2020 Minutes  
Approve June 10, 2020 Minutes

### *Support Group Reports*

#### **Tree Committee:**

#### **Indianola Park Friends:**

#### **Friends of Indianola Trails:**

### *Department Heads Reports*

**Director:**

- Staff

**Recreation:**

- Some recreation programs have been re-started, including adult softball, yoga in the park, ChicoMetrics, and the Outdoor Movie Series. All activities have posted signage concerning COVID-19 including not attending if a person has symptoms, has tested positive or been exposed to someone who has tested positive.
- Refunds have been processed for all recreation programs, facility reservations, swim lessons and pool passes that have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Thanks to all our staff and City Hall staff that worked to process over 550 refunds totaling over \$41,000.
- The Activity Center has re-opened with reduced hours, programs and facility availability. Attendance has been reduced.
- The July I-Magazine will only be available digitally on the city website. There will not be a printed copy mailed to each resident. Each resident was mailed a letter explaining the change.

**Parks:**

- The Ash Tree removal bid is due July 21. 31 street trees and 31 trees on city properties have been listed for this year's round of ash tree removals.
- Al Farris has offered to work to develop a maintenance plan to expand the Prairie at Pickard Park.
- With the added crowds at Buxton Park, the Police Department has added more patrols in the park to try to reduce the actions of middle school children that are disrupting the park visitors and neighbors.

*Commission Member Comments, Reports*

- The transition from the trail to the bridge on the McVay trail north of the High School has been reported to be damaging bicycle tires. The park staff will look to have the concrete repaired.

*Next Meeting*

The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at the Indianola Activity Center at 5:00 pm. Meeting may be moved to a Zoom meeting if needed.

It was moved by Koonce and seconded by Turnball to adjourn at 5:30 pm.