

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

January 21st, 2019
City Hall Second Floor Conference Room
326 Grant Street

Public Services Committee Members Present; Juan Topete, Ed Barlow, James Harrison, and Mike Daugherty

Members Absent;

Staff Present; Tom Short and Mark Peterson

Non-Members Present; Ceri Otero, Jonathan Roberts, Abi Almandinger, Caleb Stiles, David Armstrong, Daniel Beck, Wendy Royer and Darren Wallace

At 5:30 P.M. Mr. Topete called the meeting to order.

**Mr. Daugherty moved to approve minutes from the December 2019 meeting.
Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on Water's Edge Aquatic Design presentation from 12.17.19

Mr. Peterson provided information on three different paths to direct the committee related to the WEAD presentation.

1. Move forward with an independent feasibility study and market survey related the WEAD presentation. This would provide the information needed to determine citizen's desire for a new aquatic center. It would provide information on what scale of a project could be supported. The WEAD presentation had a neighborhood/community type pool and a regional aquatic center. Mr. Peterson discussed the need to understand community desire and then determine what scale can be supported.
2. Have aquatics analyzed in the current scope of the upcoming Parks & Recreation Master Plan. Mr. Peterson suggested it would be given the same attention as any current facility, park or program would be given in the Master Plan process. Identify the need and prioritize aquatics alongside any current or new opportunity that is presented in the Master Plan.
3. Combine path 1 and 2. We have Master Plan proposals from consultant groups due on 2/14. We have a two week review period and then interviews with those selected. Mr. Peterson suggested that we would provide information to these consultants groups so they may add the necessary team for a feasibility study with market survey for aquatics. As we get to the review and interview process we look at the offerings and work to negotiate this into the Parks & Recreation Master Plan. This could provide an opportunity to save money by not doubling up similar components of a feasibility study that would be happening within the

Master Plan process. It would allow the selection committee an opportunity to see what can be provided by the consultant groups in master planning and aquatics. The margin may shrink in this process vs. the city providing a separate standalone independent study. The two need to coexist and the consultant group awarded the master plan will be the group we depend on for future planning and needs this information as well.

Mr. Harrison noted a significant amount of citizens from his ward are supporting moving forward with an aquatic center. He noted the need to move quickly to generate information. He would like to stay on timelines established by WEAD to save potential cost.

Mr. Daugherty noted the desire to move quickly as well. He emphasized the slow nature of city government and he would like to keep from any delay.

Mr. Barlow was also in an agreement on the need to provide data for the decisions to be made.

Mr. Peterson discussed how this process of rolling the feasibility work into the work of the master plan process will keep the pace moving rather than going to an additional RFP for the feasibility study.

The committee view was to move forward with the third option of rolling a feasibility into the master plan process and negotiating with consultant groups during the review and selection phase.

NEW BUSINESS:

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Peterson discussed the following.

- Fireworks RFP due on 2/14
- Master Plan RFP due on 2/14
- The need to demo the range building
- The need to demo the "Big Shelter" at Municipal Park
- The Kellogg Lake Board would like to provide materials for a new shelter in the northeast corner of the lake on the peninsula. A heavily used area that they have wanted to place a shelter for a long time. They will provide material and the Park Department staff will provide the labor.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to accept the donation of shelter materials for a new shelter at Kellogg Lake and Park Department staff provide the labor. Motion carried.

- We will look at upgrading current park signage and adding new signage to parks without sufficient signage. We will look to create similar signage for each park with a possible exception to Central Park in an effort to match the Victorian style.

- Griggs Park projects are in motion. Community gardens are being designed and plotted out. Concrete quotes are being generated for the Pickle Ball courts. We intend to install security lighting in the southeast corner facing to the northwest corner to provide better light and security for the park.
- Park Department realignment is moving along nicely. I have met with all 4 teams to discuss roles and responsibilities. Brian Bradley has been moved to the Park Superintendent position. The transition is going well.
- We are in the process of hiring a new department secretary. I have narrowed down the applicants to 6 that will be coming in for interviews this week. We look to have somebody on board in early February.

Mr. Short told the committee about upcoming budget reallocations involving four capital items. There have been capital items that will not be performed that funds will be moved to allow for a park master plan funding, a golf course fountain and pool pump repairs.

Mr. Daugherty moved for adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 P.M.