



AGENDA

Fort Smith Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting, May 8, 2024
12:00pm Creekmore Community Center

Approval of minutes from the April 10th meeting.

1. Presentation of Artwork at Creekmore Park
2. Presentation from Fort Smith Museum of History
3. Presentation of Move Fort Smith Plan
4. Review Carol Ann Cross Park Inclusive Playground Design
5. Project Updates
6. Public Comments
7. Commission and Staff Comments

City of Fort Smith
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
April 10, 2024

The Parks and Recreation Commission met at noon on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 in the Rose Room at Creekmore Park Community Center.

Park Commission members present: Madeline Marquette, Chris Raible, David Roberts, Sandy Sanders, Sam Hanna, and Andrew Deal.

Park Commission members absent: Nancy Raney

Staff members present: Jeff Dingman, Sara Deuster, Linda Woodruff, and Amber Plank.

Others: Lee Kemp

Chris Raible called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Sanders made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Hanna and unanimously approved.

1. Discuss 2024 Creekmore Park Pool Operating Procedures

The Board of Directors unanimously approved to proceed with the demolition and construction of a new bathhouse and diving well enclosure at Creekmore Park Pool at their March 26th meeting. The projected date of completion for this project is May 26, 2025. As with any construction project, it is necessary to make temporary modifications to the operating schedule for Creekmore Park Pool this summer. Through coordination with Beshears Construction, Inc. Parks staff have recommended operating procedures for this summer that include temporary restrooms, handwashing stations, changing stations, and a water station for patrons. The Pool will open Saturday, June 1st and close Saturday, July 20th with days of operations being Tuesday – Saturday, Senior/Adult Lap Swimming: 11:00am-12:00pm and open to the General Public: 12:00pm-5:30pm. Additional changes include limiting patronage to 150 at one time due to active construction being completed around the pool area, private parties will not be offered this season, and it is not recommended to offer season passes. Given the limited operating schedule, it will not be cost-effective to purchase a season; however, if citizens want to purchase one after being made aware of the changes to this summer's operations, we will allow them to purchase one. Hanna made a motion to reduce the price by \$10 for individual and family pool passes for this year only. The motion was seconded by Deal and unanimously approved.

2. Project Updates

Maybranch Greenway –Finalizing contract with Steve Beam Construction for Phase IA.

The engineering agreement for Phase II will be taken to the Board of Directors for consideration on April 16th. Submitting a TAP/RTP Grant Application to use for construction.

Carol Ann Cross Park Trail & Boardwalk – A path has been cleared out for the greenway and boardwalk. ACS Playground Adventures have completed the preliminary design for the inclusive playground design.

Creekmore Park – Steve Beam Construction will begin pouring the concrete for the patio. The custom train-themed toddler playground will be shipped at the end of May. The sidewalk and drainage will be having a preconstruction meeting tomorrow. The train tracks will be completely by Memorial Day weekend.

Chaffee Crossing Pickleball Courts – The engineering agreement has been signed and executed. McClelland Consulting Engineers is in the process of finding the cost-effective way to fix the courts, whether it be total replacement or an overlay.

Woodlawn Park – The restroom has been delivered. The Utilities Department will have to set the water meter before the water/sewer hookups can be completed. The basketball court and sidewalks have been poured and sodded.

Tilles Park – The asphalt walking path and the concrete for access places for heavy equipment have been completed. The basketball courts have been overlaid, and they are currently working on placing the lights and fencing. The Western Arkansas Flying Disc Association have someone in Northwest Arkansas to fabricate tee hole signs.

Martin Luther King Jr. Park Splashpad – The final mechanical engineering drawings for the filtration system and plumbing are almost complete. Drill stem fencing has been placed to deter individuals from driving through the park.

Creekmore Park Putter – The fence on the North end has been replaced and volunteers are finishing removing the remaining turf.

3. **Public Comments**

The President of the Fianna Hills Property Association, Lee Kemp, was present to discuss his wishes on the City utilizing a refocused Master Plan for the Fianna Hills median. He would like to see the pine trees along the median to be removed.

4. **Commission and Staff Comments**

Marquette noted the Spring Break event was successful and wanted to thank Roberts for helping.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Chris Raible, Chairman

Amber Plank, Records Coordinator