



AGENDA

Fort Smith Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting, July 10, 2024
12:00pm Creekmore Community Center

Approval of minutes from the May 8th meeting.

1. Review Results from Parks CIP Survey
2. Discuss Rules for Pickleball Courts
3. Project Updates
4. Public Comments
5. Commission and Staff Comments

City of Fort Smith
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
May 8, 2024

The Parks and Recreation Commission met at noon on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 in the Rose Room at Creekmore Park Community Center.

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

Park Commission members absent: None.

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

Others: John McIntosh, Sue Robison, Bill Word, B. Butler, Michael Mings, Marina Kashubin, Josh Mickle, Cristina Olson, Amanda Cravey, Reese Brewer, and Ashlie Ross.

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 Raney and unanimously approved.

1. Presentation of Artwork at Creekmore Park

Kris Ligett made a presentation regarding a sculpture the family wishes to install at Creekmore Park. This sculpture will be placed in the northwest corner of the park, across from Parklane Family Dental to memorialize his father, Mike Ligett, who past away last year. Sanders made a motion to support the installation of the project. The motion was seconded by Hanna and unanimously approved.

2. Presentation from Fort Smith Historical Society

Sue Robison presented the Commission with a historical journal that they publish biannually. They made a request to the Park Commission for permission to host Tales of The Crypt at Oak Cemetery to raise funds to keep the website up to date and to increase memberships. They would like to plan for the last Sunday in September. Marquette made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Roberts and unanimously approved.

3. Presentation of Move Fort Smith Plan

The City of Fort Smith Mobility Coordinator, Michael Mings, presented the Commission with a 'Move Fort Smith Plan'. This plan seeks to prioritize active transportation that enables people of all ages and abilities the opportunity to move freely and safely throughout the community.

4. Review Carol Ann Cross Park Inclusive Playground Design

Deuster presented the Commission with the final design of the inclusive playground for Carol Ann Cross Park. This design includes a perimeter sidewalk around the play area, amenities for both ages 2-5 and 5012, a multi-swing bay, and perimeter fencing. The design complements a nature theme that includes a mountain lion to incorporate Wild Cat Mountain. Raible made a motion to recommend the project to the Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Deal and unanimously approved.

5. **Project Updates**

Maybranch Greenway-Phase IA & Phase II – Pre construction meeting was held last Monday, May 6th.

The Board of Directors approved an engineering agreement with Halff to begin the design of Phase II.

Woodlawn Park Improvements – The restroom has been delivered. Once the Utilities Department sets the new water meter, final connections can be made. The concrete is in the process of curing, and, once that is complete, the court will be striped.

Carol Ann Cross Park Greenway & Boardwalk – The project is progressing on schedule. Once the concrete portion of the project is complete, it will be planned to be open to the public.

Creekmore Park Picnic & Patio Area – The project is complete with grass currently growing.

Creekmore Sidewalk & Drainage Improvements – The project is in progress but weather has been a factor.

Creekmore Park Putter – The new greens will be complete in the next few weeks.

Creekmore Park Train Improvements – The culverts will be delivered tomorrow, and the bridge will be repainted and ready for installation at the end of the week. The tracks are being re-laid. Parks staff are helping to hopefully speed up the process to open for Memorial Day Weekend.

Tilles Park – The new disc golf tee signs have been installed, and the fencing around the basketball courts will be installed in the next couple of weeks. The new inclusive playground is in design phase.

Creekmore Park Pool Bathhouse – Demolition is fully complete. They will begin preparing the new building pad in the next few days.

6. **Public Comments**

None.

7. **Commission and Staff Comments**

Deuster noted the joint meeting with the Board of Directors and Park Commission to discuss park projects priorities will be held Tuesday, May 14th, at 6pm at The Blue Lion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Chris Raible, Chairman

Amber Plank, Records Coordinator



City of
Fort Smith Memorandum
Parks & Recreation

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Staff
DATE: July 8, 2024
SUBJECT: Rules for Pickleball Courts

Alan Shepard, a member of the Western Arkansas Pickleball Advocates (WAPA), met with our department last month to propose adding rule signage to the Chaffee Crossing Pickleball Courts. These rules would closely mimic those found at the Creekmore Park Tennis Center. Based on the information/examples provided by Mr. Shepard, existing park rules, and information from other municipal parks, Parks Staff recommend the attached rules to be posted at the Chaffee Crossing Pickleball Courts.

Proposed Posted Rules for Chaffee Crossing Pickleball Courts

- Hours of Play: 6:00am – 11:00pm
- Courts are available on a first come, first served basis unless there is a scheduled event permitted by the City of Fort Smith
- Court time is limited to 15 minutes of practice or one (1) game to 11 points when players are waiting
- Players can rotate back onto courts as many times as they desire
- Court shoes (non-marking) are required
- USA Pickleball rules govern all play except when designated otherwise during special events
- Spectators are asked to watch from outside the fences
- No skates, skateboards, scooters, or bicycles allowed on courts
- Players are required to play and spectate in a non-offensive manner to others
- Rude language and excessive noise will not be tolerated
- No glass containers allowed on court
- Alcohol is prohibited
- Use of tobacco products is prohibited
- Please place trash in the appropriate waste receptacles