



AGENDA

Fort Smith Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting, June 14, 2023
12:00pm Carol Ann Cross Park

Approval of minutes from the May 10th meeting.

1. Announcement from Friends of Recreational Trails
2. Status Update for LWCF Grant for Maybranch Trail (*requested by Raible*)
3. Project Updates
4. Public Comments
5. Commission and Staff Comments

Following adjournment, those in attendance will be provided an opportunity to participate in a guided tour of the improvements currently in progress at Carol Ann Cross Park.

City of Fort Smith
Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of Meeting
May 10, 2023

The Parks and Recreation Commission met at noon on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 in the Rose Room at Creekmore Park Community Center.

Park Commission members present: Madeline Marquette, Chris Raible, Sandy Sanders, John McIntosh, David Roberts, and Nancy Raney.

Park Commission members absent: Andrew Deal

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

Others: Kathy Mazyck, Rick Mazyck, Reese Brewer, Desaray Fuentes, Jo Elsken, Charles McLane, Elizabeth Sullivan, Ryan Sullivan, Weston Jones, AJ Popa, David Blair, Cathy Scalf, Keley Simpson, Miles Crawford, Michael Mings, Sam Hanna, Derek Loyd, Adam Harbottle, Andy Dibble, Sonny Bell, Tina Dale, Deano Traywick, Drew Linder, Elliott Bell, Andy Hanna, Douglas Olson, Cristina Olson, and Josh Mickle.

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 from Fort Smith Farmer's Market

Kathy Mazyck with the Fort Smith Farmer's Market made the Commission aware of the the Market's intent to apply for a \$250,000 grant from the State for a covered pavilion. She requested the Commission to designate the 2nd Street Parking Lot as an outdoor community center, which the Commission agreed to. Mrs. Mazyck noted the City will be the entity applying for the grant, and she will help the Parks Department to complete all grant documents and requirements. The current estimate for each pavilion is \$783,000 based on the proposed design. The proposed design calls for a roof area of 200'x25', and curb ramps will be installed at each end of the center walkway to make the pavilions handicap accessible.

2. Review proposal of lease of Creekmore Park diving well pool

Sebastian County Aquatics Association (SCAA) was the only entity to submit a proposal for the lease of the diving well at Creekmore Park Pool. The Commission reviewed SCAA's submittal and draft lease agreement. Roberts made a motion to move forward with lease agreement. The motion was seconded by Raible and unanimously approved.

3. Discussion regarding kayak share program at Carol Ann Cross Park

Deuster provided a summary of the information packet submitted by Rent.fun regarding a self-service kayak rental program. Rent.fun contacted the City regarding an opportunity for a self-service kayak rental program. The proposed location for this program is Carol Ann Cross Park. Deuster

added that this would be the ideal time to launch this program, as there are several improvements being completed at the park. Sanders made a motion to move forward with the lease and leave it up to Administration to change prices as needed. The motion was seconded by McIntosh and unanimously approved.

4. Presentation regarding potential use of former Acme Brick Property

Michael Mings, the City's Mobility Coordinator, provided a brief overview of a conceptual plan for the former Acme Brick Yard currently for sale. He proposed that it should be named Brick Yard Park which would include mountain biking and multi-use trails, water detention pond, and a conveyor belt that would stretch across Old Greenwood Road and the Park. Mings asked the Commission to make a motion for support of the plan to take to the Board of Directors. Roberts made a motion to enthusiastically support the conceptual design. The motion was seconded by Sanders and unanimously approved.

5. Project Updates

Carol Ann Cross Park- Notice to Proceed has been issued. Footings for the fishing dock have been poured. Concrete pads for the new restrooms have been formed, and are scheduled for delivery next week.

Chaffee Crossing Dog Park – Final designs for Chaffee Crossing have been submitted to Administration for any modification. They will then be sent to Fort Chaffee Redevelopment Authority for approval prior to bid process.

Creekmore Park – The basketball court is currently in design phase.

John Bell Jr. Park – OG&E is working on getting the electric panels in place for restrooms. Portable toilets have been temporarily placed.

Kelley Ballfield –Turf agreement has been signed and will be presented to the Board.

Woodlawn Park – Prefabricated restroom will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval at their May 16th meeting.

Maybranch Trail – City Administration has been in contact with Senator Womack's office regarding a formal inquiry of the LWCF grant to be reviewed by attorneys to allow the City to put it out for bid.

Chaffee Crossing – The design for Segment Two is nearing completion. Two easements have been sent to the governing body and approved. Parks Staff are currently working on a state grant for Segment Three.

Fort Smith Park – Contract from the Corp of Engineers Little Rock District has been approved by the Board. Once the contract receives signatures from both parties, demolition of the old restrooms and replacement of a new one can proceed.

6. **Public Comments**

None.

7. **Commission and Staff Comments**

Raible mentioned the Western Arkansas Tennis Association (WATA) will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony in honor of becoming a member of the Chamber on May 25th.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:11p.m.

Chris Raible, Chairman

Amber Plank, Records Coordinator



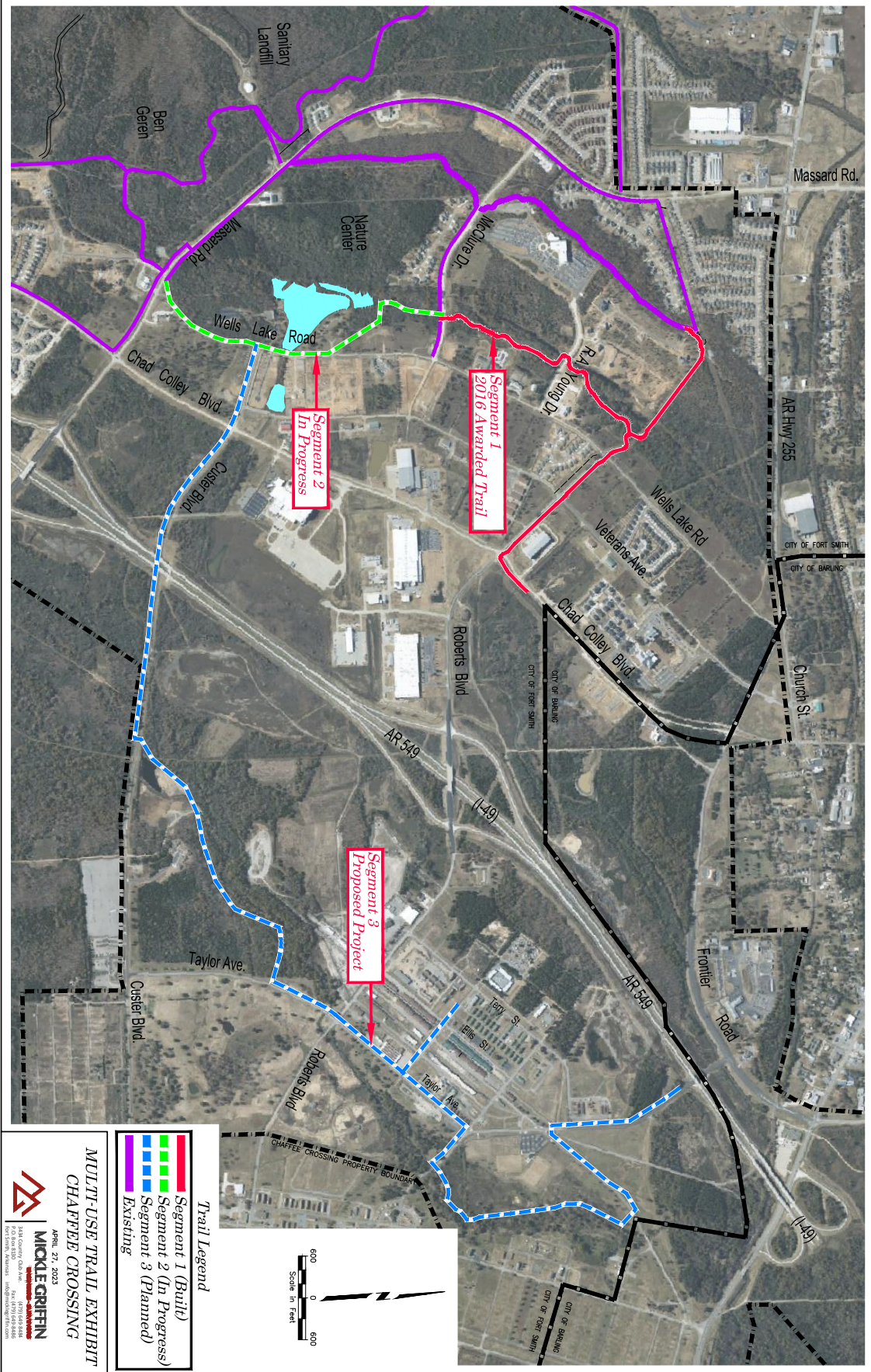
City of Fort Smith Memorandum
Parks & Recreation

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission
FROM: Parks Staff
DATE: June 9, 2023
SUBJECT: Current Maps of Chaffee Crossing Trail System

Due to the need for various realignments, the routes for Segment Two and Segment Three have changed since the Commission was last provided with a copy of the City's trail system. A map showing the current routes is attached for your review.

An update regarding Segment Two and Segment Three will be provided as part of the Project Updates on the agenda.

attachment



Trail Legend

- Segment 1 (Built)
- Segment 2 (In Progress)
- Segment 3 (Proposed)
- Existing

MULTI-USE TRAIL EXHIBIT
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 APRIL 27, 2023
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