



### AGENDA SUMMARY

Fort Smith Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting, Wednesday, July 13, 2016, 12:00 p.m.  
Creekmore Community Center

Approval of the minutes from June 1 meeting.

Billy Bob Williams made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Chris Raible and unanimously approved.

1. Review public comments received regarding the naming of MLK Softball Field  
Raible made a motion to recommend to the Board of Directors to name the MLK Softball Field "Grizzly Field". The motion was seconded by Bryan Merry, but failed with Casey Millspaugh, Bryan Merry and Chris Raible in favor and Madeline Marquette, Sherry Toliver and Billy Bob Williams opposed.

Toliver made a motion to recommend to the Board of Directors to name the MLK Softball Field "Grizzly Field" and the press box "Lawrence Buzz Wood Press Box". The motion was seconded by Merry and passed unanimously.

2. Discuss Rivervalley Artisan Market  
Merry made a motion that the Rivervalley Artisan Market be approved. The motion was seconded by Toliver and passed unanimously.
3. Discuss CIP  
Millspaugh tabled the CIP, requesting it be placed on the August agenda.
4. Hear presentation from UAFS students regarding Cisterna Park  
Millspaugh made a motion to recommend to the Board of Directors that the ROW at Cisterna Park be turned into a walkable area/hybrid park. The motion was seconded by Marquette and passed with Millspaugh, Merry, Marquette, Toliver and Williams in favor and Raible opposed.
5. Discuss food trucks  
After much discussion Millspaugh asked Jeff Dingman and Doug Reinert to review the park concession operator regulations and vending requirements.
6. Proposal from Trails and Greenways Committee regarding sharrows  
Marquette made a motion to accept the recommended proposal regarding sharrows. The motion was seconded by Toliver and passed unanimously. Please note that Williams left the meeting and was not present to vote on this motion.

## 7. Project Updates

Reinert gave project updates noting that the grand re-opening of the Creekmore Park Putter and ribbon cutting will be held on Friday. Phase II of Imani Park is complete. MLK Softball Improvements is nearing completion and they expect the sod to be laid on Monday. We did receive \$100,000 for the Marine Fuel Tax Grant for the Fort Smith Fishing Pavilion Improvements and will be bidding that project out soon. The Greg Smith River Trail grand re-opening will be in September. Blue Lion Bikeway – Sharrows project is complete with the exception of Park & Lecta which will be done when the overlay is completed on those roads in the fall.

## 8. Public Comments

Nancy Raney was present and noted concern for where people will park wanting to go to Cisterna Park if the ROW is completely turned over for food trucks.

Kelley McFerren was present and noted concerns with Tilles and Woodlawn Wading Pools closed and the possibility of them being converted to splash pads.

Claudia Rucchio was present and said to be on the lookout for pianos in the park. They should be coming out soon.

## 9. Commission & Staff Comments

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