



## AGENDA

Fort Smith Parks and Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting, May 13, 2020

12:00pm Zoom Meeting ID 931-3621-4789

Join Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/93136214789>

Approval of minutes from March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

1. Information Regarding Parks Response to COVID-19
2. Project Updates
3. Public Comments
4. Commission and Staff Comments

City of Fort Smith  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Minutes of Meeting  
March 11, 2020

The Parks and Recreation Commission met at noon on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in the Rose Room at the Creekmore Community Center.

Parks Commissioners present: Madeline Marquette, Chris Raible, Lacey Jennen, Andrew Deal, Jim Rowland, John McIntosh, and Nancy Raney.

Park Commission members absent: None

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

Others: David Harris, Paula Linder, and Dawn Stovall.

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

**1. Review Amended CIP Adopted by Board of Directors Special Meeting (2/25/2020)**

The Board of Directors adopted an amended FY2020 – FY2024 Parks Capital Improvement Plan at the February 25, 2020 Special Meeting (Ordinance No. 14-20). These changes were reviewed with the Parks Commission. It was stated this amendment added funding to provide matching funds for private contributions for the Kelley Park Ballfields Turf Project, Riverfront Drive Skate and Bike Park Phase II, and a soft surface trail at McClure Amphitheater.

**2. Project Updates**

51 acres Phase II – The project has begun. This includes leveling the flood plane, paving the parking lot, curb work, restrooms, and inclusive playground.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park - Shade structures are currently going up over the playground equipment and splash pad area.

Riverfront/Kelly/Fort Smith Park- The redesign of the electrical system damaged by the May 2019 flood has been sent for approval. The work is currently estimated to cost \$450,000.

Wilson Park- Playground equipment has been ordered and installation is expected to begin the following week.

### **3. Public Comments**

Paula Linder with Park Partners was present and noted there are plans to install a recycled bench and sign at Creekmore Park as a memorial honoring Andrea Beckman. Linder also noted approximately \$19K was spent on replanting trees down the Greg Smith River Trail.

Dawn Stovall from Western Arkansas Tennis Association was present to give an update. She stated April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> is the upper level action spring junior tournament and May 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> is the Coleman Creekmore Tournament. Stovall added they will host an afternoon plat day Tuesday afternoon for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade PE classes to have a play date to show what they have learned.

### **4. Commission and Staff Comments**

Marquette mentioned the Father Daughter Dance was a huge success. Also, Spring Break will be from 10am-12pm March 23-27.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 p.m.

Chris Raible, Chairman

Amber Plank, Records Coordinator