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**AGENDA MEETING OF THE
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.
City Hall Training Room**

5:15 p.m. CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from February 16, 2022 Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Non-Agenda Items

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Outdoor Recreation Plan Steering Committee
2. Bee City USA

ACTION ITEMS

CALENDAR

Next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting April 20, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

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Council members may be in attendance for informational purposes only.

No official Council action will be taken.



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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 5:15 p.m.

City Hall Training Room or Virtually

Members Present: Patricia LaRue (chair), Brandon Dobbertin, Brenda Gaulke, Matt Janquart
Melissa Pedrini, and Sean Downing (Council Rep)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Cindi Danke-Recreation Manager; Brenda Rundle-Recreation Assistant; Mike
Stifter-Public Works Director; Kendra Ellner-Planner; Jason Stroud-Asst. City
Administrator 5:26pm

Others Present: None

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting convened at 5:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MSC Downing/Gaulke to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022 Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Downing is looking into River Falls becoming a Bee City USA to support pollinators in our parks. He is looking for City resident volunteers to serve on a committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Planner Kendra Ellner gave an update about the Outdoor Recreation Plan. The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is the steering committee for this plan. City planning staff and the consulting firm SRF have been looking at existing conditions/plans, creating plan branding, and planning the online platform and the upcoming open house at the public library. Park board should start thinking about the updated mission, goals and needs and should spread the word about Focus RF. Patricia asked how the Kinni Corridor Plan will affect this new plan. She would like to make sure it is not overlooked. Kendra indicated that is a good point and believes SRF has not yet had a chance to look at it. Next month, Park Board will discuss the engagement outcome of the February 24 open house, and begin talking about mission, goals, and needs. A year or so from now there will be a final document with draft check points for the steering committee to review throughout the process.

2. Mike Stifter discussed public rental of the historic Glover Schoolhouse at DeSanctis Park. Windows will be worked on soon, and siding will be worked on in March and April. The space should be usable by summer. There will be one bathroom, and electrically it can handle a coffee pot and a few crockpots. It is heated and air conditioned, and parking is available nearby. A drinking fountain outside can be

considered, but is not planned for at this time. The bathroom will probably not be available for public use, as it is not separate from the main room and that side of the building is not handicapped accessible. Historical photos, maps and other items will be considered for the walls and perimeter. Most or all of the historical desks may be removed to make room for rental functions with modern tables and chairs. People would be able to reserve the schoolhouse online the same way they reserve other park shelters. HPC will be invited to have their own discussion about this topic as well.

ACTION ITEMS

None

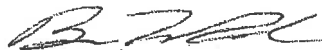
CALENDAR

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be March 16, 2022

ADJOURNMENT

MSC Dobbertin/Janquart to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Rundle
Customer Service Representative

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RIVER FALLS OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

STEERING COMMITTEE

MEETING #2

Wednesday, March 16th

5:15pm

1 INTRODUCTIONS

- Introductions and Icebreaker
 - o What are you looking forward to getting to do outside this spring?

2 WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

- Public Engagement
 - o Public Open House and Survey
- Inventory
- Community Profile and Projections

3 OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN REQUIREMENTS

- DNR CORP Outline and Requirements
 - o Physical and Social Description of the Region
 - o Inventory of Natural Resources and Facilities
 - o Needs Assessment
 - Engagement and/or NRPA Standards
 - o Recommendations

4 KEY THEMES AND GOALS

- What are goals and how are they used
- Previous Plan Goals
- Discussion of Key Themes for Outdoor Recreation

5 NEXT STEPS

- Close Survey
- Pop-Up Events
- Physical Inventory/Confirmation
- Goal Statements



1995-2000 PLAN GOALS

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the River Falls Park and Recreation Department and Board are to acquire, develop and maintain a creative, efficient and responsive parks system, available to all citizens – residents and non-residents alike, composed of a variety of park areas and special recreation facilities that contribute to the well-being of individuals and families and to the attractiveness of the city and the social and economic health of the city and its communities, while at the same time protecting, conserving, and enhancing the city's natural historical and cultural resources. This plan is a renewal and continuation of previous Park and Recreation Plans and is the foundation for building on past success.

GOALS

1. Be responsive to citizen needs.
2. Encourage citizen participation in the decision-making process.
3. Be responsive for overall park and recreation services planning.
4. Cooperate with other public agencies.
5. Cooperate with community organizations and groups.
6. Inform citizens of available services.
7. Offer balanced services at affordable prices.
8. Operate efficiently and effectively.
9. Operate within available resources.
10. Encourage citizen resource contributions.
11. Operate safe and secure parks and recreation facilities.
12. Offer handicapped accessible parks and recreation facilities.
13. Protect and conserve natural, historical, and cultural resources.