



Decatur Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

January 9, 2024

Legacy Park

8:00am

Members present:

Terria Cummings, Joel Furfari, Deanna Jue Sutandi, Greg White, Shelly Head, Abbey Griffith, Cas Pittman, Charlie Slater

Members absent:

none

Call to order at 8 a.m.

- Introductions -- New advisory board members Cas Pittman and Charlie Slater introduced themselves to the rest of the board.
- Approval of October 2023 Meeting Minutes -- Board did not previously have quorum to approve minutes at November meeting. Motion to approve by Deanna, seconded by Terria. Unanimous vote to approve minutes.
- Approval of November 2023 Meeting Minutes -- Motion to approve by Deanna, seconded by Shelly. Unanimous vote to approve minutes.
- Public Comments -- none
- Financial Sustainability Workshop -- Farrell Buller of 110% Consultants hosted this workshop to educate board members on staff's initiative to improve the department's financial sustainability and to collect input from the advisory board members. Buller gave a presentation to the board outlining broad trends for many cities: parks offerings have expanded but revenue and cost recovery have not kept pace. The board members participated in a Beneficiaries of Service exercise. Participants were given a list of 11 different categories of services provided by Decatur Parks and Recreation and asked to rank them in terms of how much each category benefited the common good versus providing an individualized benefit to parks users.



- DPRD Goals Discussion -- Greg White recommended that board members familiarize themselves with the department's cost recovery goals by reviewing the Parks and Recreation Master Plan which was published last year.
- Events -- Greg White told the board that the city would be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new McKoy Skate Park on January 20 and encouraged the board members and public to attend. He also encouraged board members to attend the State of the City address on Jan. 23. The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting will be Feb. 6 at 8 a.m. at Legacy Park's admin office.

Meeting adjourned at 9 a.m.