

**PARK/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING – January 9, 2024**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Fred Keller, Andy Harvala, Tim Eiler, Council Liaison Robert Smestad

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Hayden Cordell

**STAFF PRESENT:** Assistant Clerk Kristine DeBoer

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:00 PM

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion made by Harvala and seconded by Eiler to approve the minutes from 10/10/2023 Parks & Planning Commission Meeting. All aye 3/0

**PARKS/PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING TIME:**

The Council approved Ordinance Amendment 2023-01 allowing planning commission members to designate a meeting time after 5:00 pm.

Motion made by Harvala and seconded by Keller to change the meeting time to 6:00 p.m. for the 2 times a month meetings for 2024. All aye 3/0

**POLLINATOR GARDENS:**

Resident Miranda Schufman has suggested installing a pollinator garden – Commission discussed locations suitable for creating garden and did suggest Wilbur Thurk Memorial Park because there is a lot of space. Concerns discussed.

1. Gardens tend to look unkept.
2. Attracting bees which may become an issue.
3. No one to maintain garden for the long term.

The consensus is that the commission is not interested, and it may cause more problems than it is worth.

A rain barrel will be purchased for city hall.

**MEMORIAL PARK PLAYGROUND**

**Quotes were received from Landscape Structures and Gametime:**

- a) **Quote #1 - redoing the whole park. Large purchase if grant awarded \$100,000 budget**
  1. **Landscape Structures - \$98,940**
  2. **Gametime - \$100,000**
- b) **Quote #2 – replace the removed merry-go-round. Equipment recommended if city only budget:**
  1. **Landscape Structures – Ominspin \$12, 500 (includes material and installation)**
  2. **Gametime – 2 options**
    - a. **Spin with me - \$10,357 (includes material and installation)**
    - b. **Vista Tree top - \$25,253 (includes material and installation)**

The commission discussed the 2 plans and preferred the plan and equipment from Gametime. Both plans included sidewalk access to the playground area and some excavation preparation work by the city. The Gametime plan had a preferred layout that appeared to offer more play area and did re-use the diggers from the current park, which are really the only equipment in the playground which is salvageable. The commission would like to recommend the Gametime plan to the Council.

The grant application is up to a \$50,000 matching grant which has been delayed this spring, but we will be informed of the new schedule for applying.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

10-04-2023 COUNCIL MEETING

10-12-2023 CLOSED MEETING

10-12-2023 COUNCIL MEETING

11-01-2023 PUBLIC HEARING – 2023 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

11-01-2023 COUNCIL MEETING

11-15-2023 COUNCIL MEETING

12-06-2023 COUNCIL MEETING

12-20-2023 COUNCIL MEETING

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made by Eiler and seconded by Harvala to adjourn. All aye 3/0

7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Kristine DeBoer

Assistant Clerk