



TOWN OF ASHLAND CITY
Parks Advisory Board
Date: April 24, 2023 6:00PM
Minutes



Call to Order	Michael Smith called meeting to order at 6:00 pm
Roll Call	Present: Michael Smith, Renee Cannon, Brandy King Absent: Matt Waldron Present: AC Clark, Mayor JT Smith
Approval of agenda	Mayor JT Smith made motion to approve Brandy King seconded motion Approved by voice vote
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Public Forum	<p>Skate park Jason Hunt resident for 10 years. He is interested in seeing if the city would add a skate park to Ashland City. He said it would bring in a variety of people into Ashland City. He is willing and wanting to provide his experience and expertise on what is needed to make a good skate park. He suggested the John C. Poole Park be a good area for the skate park.</p> <p>Q: Michael Smith asked how big does a park need to be? Jason said it depends on the amount of money we wanted to spend. He referenced Dickson Skate Park as a good resource to base one off of in Ashland City.</p> <p>AC Clark – reported that he had heard of a park being built in 2013 but haven’t heard anything since.</p> <p>Q: Michael Smith – asked Jason what age groups would go to a skate park? Jason reported that it would bring in kids from age 3 to adults in their 50/60s. It would also be used as a bike park and rollerblade park to provide multiuse in one area.</p> <p>AC Clark – reported that John C. Poole park would have to be built up since it stays wet and parking would have to be expanded.</p> <p>October Festival Gentry Segraves resident for 11 years. Looking to have a Halloween parade to bring more kids out and into the city. Since parents are reluctant to take kids house to house this would bring them out into the parks and provide a safe place for parents to bring kids.</p> <p>Marla Curalea – reported that Sumner County does a Holiday Fest that goes from September to December. Another possibility getting a realtor to provide a house to do a haunted house for the community. All money from all events held within this time is given back to the community and non-profits. She also suggested a blood drive through the Red Cross during Halloween to provide another event.</p> <p>Audience member – reported that the only other county in Middle Tennessee that does a Halloween event is Franklin. She said this would be great for the community and bring everyone together in one place.</p> <p>AC Clark – suggested that we do a Trunk or Treat, parade and movie all on October 28th at the park so that it is in one central location and so that the streets don’t have to be shut down.</p>
Parks Reports	<p>AC Clark reported grass is beginning to come up and mowing is in full swing. He reported that several boards have been replaced at Caldwell Park. The next big event that is coming is Summerfest.</p> <p>He reported that soil samples have been collected for the new complex.</p> <p>Audience Member – had a question about mowing so often at Riverbluff. AC Clark reported that parks has mowing contracted to mow every 10 days. Renee Cannon also reported that Cheatham County Soccer Association also mows their soccer fields so that could be why she sees so many people mowing.</p>

Food Truck Mondays	AC Clark reported everything is going good. Renee Cannon reported she is trying to schedule 4 food trucks and 2 desert trucks each day. We have 2 full days 5/15/23 and 6/5/23 all the other days we can still take trucks.
Movie/Music Series	<p>Michael Smith reported that music is ready to go, we are waiting on paperwork for 2 musicians but he doesn't think that will be an issue. Renee Cannon reported that Cheatham County Soccer Association will setup on some of the movies/music days. She will also work on getting food trucks/dessert trucks for the other dates.</p> <p>Brandy King – Asked if there was anything else the board needed to do for these dates as far as helping and setting up the nights.</p> <p>AC Clark reported that the sound is scheduled for setup and trash will be the only thing to clean up for music nights. He reported that he will have 2 of the parks employee's come for movie night to setup projector and screen. He said we do have the rights to show the movies, we need to find the movies to show so that way we don't have to pay to rent the movies.</p> <p>Michael Smith reported he would go by McKay's to see if he could find the movies.</p>
New Business	
Reappoint 2 Members	Mayor JT Smith appointed Michael Smith and Matt Waldron to a 3 year term. In June the current board will appoint a Chairman and Vice Chairman.
Vacant Position	AC Clark reported that we had 3 applications -> Sandra Gregory, Roy Mangrum and Nerissa Aquino. Mayor JT Smith appointed Nerissa Aquino to the board for a 2 year term. Nerissa Aquino accepted the appointment in person.
Skate Park Discussion	<p>AC Clark said he thinks this is a good idea.</p> <p>Nerissa Aquino reported that she has researched that a skate park brings 2 major attributes to people, a self-motivation to learn and the creativity to plan out a run. These are good qualities of people that become great skate boards and brings a new way for citizens to explore those qualities.</p>
Caldwell Park	<p>Michael Smith reported that Jane Crisp is still interested in setting up a Nature Center at Caldwell Park. AC Clark brought up that if we do proceed with the Nature Center we will need an employee to man the center.</p> <p>Nerissa Aquino asked if Volunteers could be used to man the Nature Center. Mayor JT Smith said we would need an employee so that the center will be open at scheduled times and volunteers are as reliable. He also reported that an employee would hopefully discourage vandalism and destruction to the center.</p>
Other Items	
Adjournment	Next meeting will be May 30 th at 6:00 pm at the Senior Citizen Center Mayor JT Smith made a motion to adjourn meeting at 6:58 pm, Nerissa Aquino seconded motion. Approved by voice vote.

Chairman Michael W. Smith

Secretary Renee Cannon 4/24/2023