

To: Lincoln Parish Police Jury

From: The Parks, Recreation and Tourism Committee

Subject: Committee Report

The Parks, Recreation and Tourism Committee of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury met at the Library Events Center, 910 North Trenton Street, Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 5:30 PM. Present were: Glenn Scriber, Chair; TJ Cranford, Logan Hunt, and Skip Russell.

Absent: Annette Straughter

Glenn Scriber called the meeting to order and delivered the Invocation.

Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Glenn Scriber, to approve the Agenda. The motion carried with the following votes:

Yeas: Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Russell

Nays: None

Absent: Straughter

First on the Agenda was to discuss LCDBG grants that the parish park would be eligible for. Chair Scriber called on Administrator Doug Postel to give a report on these grants and how to proceed. Mr. Postel stated that he, Mr. Durrett, and Mr. Melton participated in a conference call with the Office of Community Development concerning these grants, which are funds that the state received directly as part of the American Rescue Act Funding. He stated that one of the programs being funded through the state, with this money, is the Love Louisiana Outdoors Program which is to develop or rehabilitate outdoor fitness and recreation parks in jurisdictions that meet the national objective requirements of low to moderate income. Only certain areas qualify for this funding; Lincoln Parish is one of eight parishes that parish wide qualify as low to moderate income area. He stated that Lincoln Parish's eligible amount is \$750,000.00 and that a proposal for this portion of the funding would be needed. He stated that possible projects include construction/reconstruction/rehabilitation of a park playground or greenspace or to provide outdoor recreation and fitness equipment to residents while maintaining appropriate social distancing to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

Mr. Postel stated that current projects would be to upgrade the water and sewer systems that need significant improvements, playground surfaces that are coming up, as well as

some improvements to bike and walking trails throughout the park. Mr. Postel recommends creating a small group consisting of himself, Mr. Durrett, Mr. Scriber, and Mr. Ramsaur to come up with the most needed projects and to authorize them to proceed with the application which is due by September 9, 2021.

After discussion, Skip Russell offered a motion, seconded by Logan Hunt to recommend creating a committee consisting of Mr. Durrett, Mr. Scriber, Mr. Ramsaur, and Mr. Postel to generate ideas and proceed with the application. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yeas: Cranford, Hunt, Scriber, Russell

Nays: None

Absent: Straughter

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Glenn Scriber
Committee Chair

Doug Postel
Parish Administrator