



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 08, 2025 at 5:30 PM

The Tom Hardin Room – 100 Public Square, Mount Pleasant, TN

1. Call to Order

Mrs. McWilliams called the meeting to order.

2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

Mrs. McWilliams asked Mr. Smith to lead the pledge of allegiance and to give the invocation.

3. Roll Call

Mr. Grooms performed a roll call and confirmed all members were present.

A. Parks and Recreation Commission Board Members

Luemma McWilliams - Chair Person

VACANT - City Commissioner

Loree Knowles -Member

Bedford Smith - Member

Kathy Pepe - Member

Larry Patton - Member

Anna Arnold - Member

4. Approval / Correction of Minutes from Prior Meetings

Ms. Busby stated the Recreation Commission should have a copy of last month's minutes.

Mrs. McWilliams pointed out they did not have a hard copy, but the December minutes were emailed to us last month.

Mr. Grooms asked if everyone reviewed those minutes that were emailed.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the December minutes as presented. Ms. Pepe seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.

A. Meeting Minutes for 12-11-2024

5. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

A. Update on the statues of the bathrooms at Arrow Mines Park.

Mr. Grooms stated we have gotten the plans back for the restrooms at Arrow Mines Park. The advertisement for accepting bids will be ran in the local newspaper by this Friday. The bid opening is scheduled for February 12, 2025 at 1 pm. Any bids we receive will be presented at February's meeting for your review as well as presented to the City Commission next month.

B. Update on where we are at with the CCF Grant

Mr. Grooms updated the Recreation Commission on the progress of the CCF Grant the city has been awarded and the plans for that grant. He pointed out he would give an overview of the plans, but he would email them each a copy for their review.

Mrs. McWilliams asked why the plans show a commercial kitchen.

Mr. Grooms explained that we had to meet the criteria for the grant so that is a part of some of the requirements set forth by the grant. He pointed out that was one of the improvements he really did not care for.

The Recreation Commission and Mr. Grooms discussed the proposed plans in further detail.

Mr. Grooms stated these plans are just a proposal at this point. Once we signed the contract then we will have some input in finalizing the plans. He stated that a large portion of the grant money will be used for a new roof and new doors for the community center.

Mr. Grooms stated he will make sure Ms. Busby gets copies of the grant documents for this commission's review.

C. Update on Shelter dedication at Gardenia Park.

Mr. Grooms stated the Recreation Commission agreed to put this dedication off until spring. We were able to get a clear picture of Ms. Wilson in hopes Mr. Williams can use it. He confirmed we are still working on finalizing the plans for the spring dedication.

D. How Breakfast with Santa Event went.

Ms. Busby stated the Breakfast with Santa was a huge success. A lot of people showed up to help with the event. She thanked all those who helped with this event.

Mr. Smith said he had received lots of favorable comments regarding this event.

6. Special reports from other City Departments or Committees if applicable

Mr. Grooms stated that he spoke to the mayor today about the vacancy on the Recreation Commission. The mayor asked if the Recreation Commission to provide him with a couple of candidates who could fill the vacant position on this commission.

Mr. Patton recommended Ms. Katrina Holt.

Mr. Smith recommended Mrs. Jacqueline Grandberry.

Mr. Grooms stated he would have the appointments on the city commission agenda this month.

7. New Business

(Comments from citizens may or may not be included, dependent on the issues.)

A. Discuss the upcoming Movie Night Event

Ms. Busby stated she was considering the movie "Orion and the Dark" for the next movie night. She thought that would be a good movie for everyone. She reported that VLS-Armor will be providing pizzas for the movie night.

Mr. Smith recommended Ms. Busby to include that pizza will be provided by VLS Armor in her Facebook post of the event.

B. Discuss February's event, The Daddy Daughter Dance. One of our most popular events of the year.

Ms. Busby stated the Daddy & Daughter dance has always been successful. Last year, she estimated approximately 300 participants in that event. She said anyone that can volunteer to help would be greatly appreciated.

Ms. Pepe asked what time the volunteers need to be at the event.

Ms. Busby replied the event is from 5-7 pm so she asked if everyone can be there around 4 pm. She added that she normally sets up the tables on Friday. Saturday we would need to set out the refreshments and the photography set in the lobby.

Mrs. McWilliams confirmed the Daddy & Daughter dance would be February 15, 2025. She stated she would provide the snacks and punch.

Mr. Smith stated he would deejay the event again this year and help set up the lights. He asked if anyone had any lights they would like to donate, he would appreciate them.

8. General comments from citizens (May be limited in time and/or number of comments.)

Mrs. McWilliams asked if there were any citizens who wished to make any comments.

There were no citizens who wished to make any comments.

9. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Mr. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Patton seconded the motion and the vote in favor was unanimous.