



Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 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 and asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance.

2. Pledge of Allegiance / Invocation

Mrs. McWilliams led the pledge of allegiance and asked Mr. Grooms to give the invocation.

3. Roll Call

A. Roll Call

Luemma McWilliams - Chair

Jacqueline Grandberry - City Commissioner

Larry Patton - Member

Bedford Smith - Member

Loree Knowles - Member

Kathy Pepe - Member

Anna Arnold - Member

Mr. Grooms performed the roll call. Mrs. Knowles was not present, and Ms. Arnold arrived late.

4. Approval / Correction of Minutes from Prior Meetings

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

5. Completion / Review of Unfinished Business from prior meeting

A. How Craft Day turned out

Ms. Busby reported that Craft Day went well. There were several family members to attend.

Ms. Busby stated there were several college students to volunteer their time to help with the craft tables, which was a big help.

B. Update on the progress for the bathrooms at Arrow Mines Park.

Mr. Grooms stated the city did receive the plans for the restrooms at Arrow Mines Park. The plans were submitted to the city codes department for their review. The codes department did find a few issues that were missed so the plans have been sent by to the engineers. Mr. Grooms said he had hoped to have the finalized plans ready for presentation to the Mayor and

Commissioners at the December regular meeting. However, the corrections to the plans will delay the project a little longer.

C. How the Gathering turned out for the Shelter at Arrow Mines.

Ms. Busby apologized for not being able to make it to the gathering at Arrow Mines Park. Her mother had surgery recently and she is helping her during her recovery. She thanked Mr. Smith for stepping up to help with this event.

Mrs. Grandberry said that Mrs. McWilliams did a wonderful job speaking at the dedication in memory of Mr. Baker. There was a good turnout and several of Mr. Baker's family came from out of town to be there.

D. Information on the Dedication for the Shelter at Gardenia Park

Mr. Grooms reported on the latest update he had on the dedication of the shelter at Gardenia Park. He also confirmed he has spoken to Mr. Blevins who has offered to donate the statue as well.

Mrs. Grandberry suggested moving the dedication out to the spring due to the cold weather. Home Depot has agreed to donate some hedges for the project.

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

Mr. Grooms stated that he will have one (1) item to add to next month's agenda, which is the grant the city was awarded on the community center. He said it was a good grant but there were a couple of things he would like to get changed before we sign the paperwork. He will be presenting this to the Recreation Commission next month for discussion.

7. New Business

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

A. A list of dates for all events for the 2025 calendar year.

Ms. Busby pointed out there was a list of 2025 events and their tentative dates. There are some ongoing factors, such as weather or the progress of any construction work, that may require us to change some of the dates.

Mr. Smith stated that he was glad to see something planned for each month.

B. Setting up a Calendar of Events for the Center each month to put out for the public.

Ms. Busby stated the Recreation Commission discussed get the information on these events out to the public and ways to improve it. She hoped to meet with Mr. Haywood, the City's IT Director, to see if he can help us develop some type of public calendar to post in social media that would let people know of all planned events.

Mrs. McWilliams suggested that Ms. Busby send Mr. Keith Stacey in the administrative offices of Maury County Public Schools information on our events. He will review the information, approve it, then pass it along to the school principals to be send out to the parents.

There was some discussion among the Recreation Commission, Ms. Busby and Mr. Grooms regarding a possible information sign at the community center that highlights upcoming events.

Mr. Grooms stated he would discuss this proposal with codes enforcement and report back to this commission.

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

Mrs. McWilliams stated there were no citizens present at the meeting.

9. Board / Staff Comments / Adjournment

Mr. Grooms stated he wanted to share his thoughts on some discussions about future firework shows and where to hold them. First, he thinks any plans for a Fourth of July event should be sponsored by the city. We have had suggestions to have the professional firework pyro technician to set up at Brewer & Barker Field. His thoughts were that was not the best place. He thinks that the area around the community center will be better suited for a professional pyrotechnician to set up.

Ms. Pepe and Mr. Smith thought holding the event at the community center would be a great idea.

Ms. Arnold asked if there was a way to bring "Octoberfest" back in the fall.

Mr. Smith stated since Ms. Morency retired, the new director, Ms. Pennington has some different plans once the downtown construction has been completed. The Main Street organization voted the BBQ festival out. In their opinion, the event had run its course.

Mr. Grooms stated the Main Street organization knew about the pending construction work for the downtown area. Therefore, the Main Street Board took that fact into consideration in their decision.

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