

Wednesday, April 21, 2020- 7:00pm  
Department of Recreation Headquarters  
WebEx Video Meeting

Members Present: Ed Coleman, Co-Chair; Dave Grabowski; Antonia Watts

Staff Present:

A. Raul Delerme, Director; John S. Marshall, Bureau Chief of Parks; Nicola Morgal, Acting Bureau Chief of Recreation; Robert T. Linz, Acting Bureau Chief of Capital Projects, Park Planning and Construction; Michael T. Milani, Bureau Chief of Administrative Services; Ryan Etter, Recording Secretary

Call to Order:

Mr. Coleman called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

Centennial Park Program Open Space Conversion and Replacement Presentation:

Bryan Moody gave a presentation on the conversion project

Public Comments:

No Public Comments

Director's Report:

- Herman Charity will become new Advisory Board Member pending Council approval
- Council Bill CB20 passed
  - Gender inclusive single use restrooms will be put in facilities and parks
- Will be interviewing students for board member position at end of April

Bureau of Parks:

- Tim Overstreet designed a garden for Laura's bench at Blandair Park.
- Staff evaluated the tree pruning by the Utility company at Baldwin Commons Park and met with community leaders to discuss proposed corrective actions. Some of the tree work will need to be done by a contractor.
- Peter Buppert began the process of final inspection on 17 Forest Conservation sites which will officially close 59.35 acres of forest.

- Brenda Belensky assisted with wayfinding sign installation at Rockburn.
- Marisa Olszewski met with Mark Southerland and Carolyn Parsa from Safe Skies along with Sue Muller and a past president from the Howard County Bird Club at Robinson to walk around the building and look at the windows needing treatment. Based on this meeting, staff will be putting together a complete proposal, including the proposals from installers and the various options Robinson is interested in pursuing to treat our windows and will present this to the board of the Howard County Bird Club to request funding support for this project.
- Caitlin Chamberlain met with a representative from Apple TV to tour Belmont, Waverly and the Ellicott City Colored School, Restored to scout locations for an Apple TV film about John Wilkes Booth.
- Six regional parks' lightning alerting systems are now active as well as two weather stations. Centennial and Savage Park are planned to be completed in the fall.

#### Bureau of Capital Projects, Park Planning and Construction:

- **Blandair Park Phase 3-** Concrete column sealing, landscape items and minor repairs are scheduled to be completed by April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The contractor has been notified to remove the deficient paving in the parking lot immediately. The Autism sign unveiling was Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>. We are looking at ribbon cutting dates in May.
- **Blandair Park Phase 6-** We are currently reviewing concept plans. Once we select a concept plan, we will schedule a meeting with Spohn Ranch to begin design for the skate park.
- **Centennial Park-** The LED tennis court lighting replacement project at Centennial Park West has been completed. The improvement to lighting quality is amazing and there is no spillage outside of the courts.
- **Centennial Park North Playground-** The preconstruction meeting was held last week, and the playground replacement is scheduled to begin during the month of April. We will be installing a 20' outfield fence similar to Cedar Lane Park field #2 to protect the playground area from foul balls.
- **Kiwanis Wallas Park-** The field #6 replacement lighting has been installed. BGE has been scheduled to disconnect the old service and install the new service. Once completed, 2 wooden light poles will be removed.
- **Lake Elkhorn Pathway-** HTI Contractors have finished renovating the Lake Elkhorn pathway section between Angelina Court and Swan Point. The

Columbia Association path from Angelina Court to Dasher Court has also been renovated.

- **Schooley Mill and Hammond Park Dug Out Covers-** The dugout cover packages have been delivered to Schooley Mill Park. We will schedule installation during the summer field break.
- **Sewell's Orchard Park-** Heritage staff has replaced the laminated bridge boardwalk decking at pond #3.
- **Belmont Station Bridge-** The Belmont Station bridge has been removed. We anticipate starting the stream bank stabilization project during the month of May. The new fiberglass bridge will be ordered once the stabilization work is completed. The anticipated completion date is August 2021.
- **Land Preservation Parks & Recreation Plan-** Bryan has received 6 planning consultant firm proposals for the study. He is evaluating and scoring each proposal and would like to award to the highest scoring consultant by the end of April.
- **Holiday Hills Park-** Photo of the completed shade shelter.
- **David Force Park-** Photo of the completed fiberglass trail bridge installation.

#### Bureau of Recreation:

- 104 county staff working the vaccine clinics
- Will be involved in mass vaccination site at the Columbia Mall
- Community Engagement
  - Roaming Gnomes very popular among the public
    - Families find pictures of gnomes at various parks
- Roger Carter Community Center lifeguards were honored at a Red Cross ceremony on April 21, 2021 for saving the life of a swimmer in September 2020.
- MRPA
  - Conference was held last week virtually, April 13-15, 2021
  - Many staff are part of different committees
    - Kori Jones will be chair of the new Social Justice Inclusion and Racial Equality committee
- CAPRA Reaccreditation is due by 2022
  - Will be working throughout the summer and finalized by fall

- Drive Thru Movies continue to be a hit
- Mother's Day Kits will be available at community centers

Bureau of Administrative Services:

- Working on FY22 Budget
  - Will have update at May meeting
- Field Rentals continue to be popular
  - All fields have been rented
- Marketing staff is updating website
- Continue to work call center for vaccine information and appointments

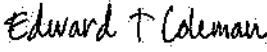
Old Business:


- Revisions to Title 19 will go before the council in June

New Business:

No new business

Mr. Coleman made the motion to adjourn the meeting. A second motion was made by Mr. Grabowski. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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