

**MEETING OF THE
LAFAYETTE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
4:00 pm
February 26, 2018**

The City of Lafayette Park and Recreation Board met in regular meeting, February 26, 2018 at 4:00pm at the Rush Pavilion in Columbian Park.

The meeting was called to order by Park Board President Dave Mecklenburg. Board members present were Mr. John Ragan and Mr. Maurie Denney. Parks Superintendent Claudine Laufman, Parks Director of Operations Jon Miner, and Recording Secretary Carlynn Smith were present. Parks staff members present were Mike Perry, Chad Aldridge, Dana Rhodes, Tom Rankin, and Kecia Beltz.

Upon motion by Mr. Denney, seconded by Mr. Ragan, and unanimously carried, minutes of the January 22, 2018 Park Board meeting were approved.

Upon motion by Mr. Ragan, seconded by Mr. Denney, and unanimously carried, claims in the amount of \$40,999.92 were approved.

Superintendent's Report:

- Completion of Phase 2 of the Memorial Island renovation is weather dependent at this time. The bronze medallions have been installed. To be completed are some electrical work and paver staining. The anticipated date for the dedication is yet-to-be determined day in May.
- Work at Crosser Sports Complex continues as weather permits. Water line installation is underway.
- A new event at McAllister, a father/daughter dance, was held February 17, and was very successful. Eighty-nine of the 99 who preregistered attended the event. In addition to dancing, refreshments, carriage rides, a photo, and a gift bag were provided.
- Mike Perry shared information about the challenging removal of one of the pumps at the Cove that operates the lazy river and had been leaking for over a year. Once the assessment of its condition is completed, a determination will be made to repair or replace it.
- Superintendent Laufman informally recognized Dana Rhodes for her almost 25 years of service at the CP Zoo. Dana recently resigned as Zoo Director and will be moving to a position at Central Maintenance in the near future. Superintendent Laufman then introduced Kecia Beltz, the new CP Zoo Director, who spoke briefly about her background.
- Jon Miner provided information about seasonal hiring which is underway in all areas. Applications are still being accepted, and interviews are beginning at all sites. Aquatics managers have all been hired. The class for lifeguard certification will be held again this year at Lafayette Jefferson.

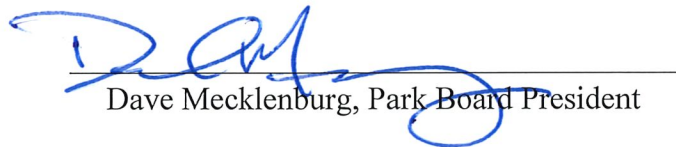
New Business:

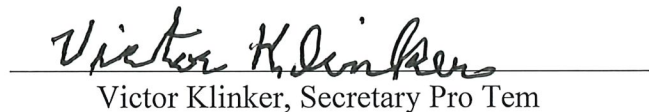
- Upon motion by Mr. Denny, seconded by Mr. Ragan, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a contract with Cornerstone Planning and Design, Inc. to guide the process of completing the Five Year Comprehensive Park Master Plan. (see Attachment A)
- Upon motion by Mr. Ragan, seconded by Mr. Denney, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a contract with Schmidt Associates, Inc. for aquatic design services. (See Attachment B) The Board of Works must also approve this contract.

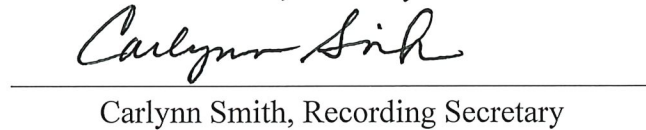
Communications:

- Board: Mr. Mecklenburg expressed gratitude to Dana Rhodes for her years of service at the CP Zoo.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion by Mr. Denney, seconded by Mr. Ragan, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:23.


Dave Mecklenburg, Park Board President


Victor Klinker, Secretary Pro Tem


Carlynn Smith, Recording Secretary