

**ST. CHARLES PARK & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**  
**WORK SESSION MEETING HELD**  
**May 4th, 2016**

The meeting was Called to Order by Vice-President Lanning at 6:00 pm in the American Legion Meeting Room at Memorial Hall. Roll Call noted the following present for the meeting:

**Park Board -** Betty Barro, Sandy Bichel, David Fichtenmayer, Valerie Lanning, Kathy Mudrovic, Brad Nowak, Tom Smith and Mike Ryan were present.

**Others -** Maralee Britton – Director  
Chris Atkinson -Assistant Director  
Don Borgmeyer – Enterprise Superintendent  
Missy Hollander– Aquatic Coordinator  
Todd Kassabaum - Chief Park Ranger  
Nick Donze - Maintenance Superintendent

**3. Resolution #4, 2016 Capital Improvements Recommendation to City Council\***

Britton presented an updated resolution to the Board members. This resolution reflects a compromise that was reached at the City Council that would allow the Parks & Storm Water Sales Tax to sunset after 15 years but would preclude any indoor aquatics component. It would also allow additional park improvements to be included such as playgrounds, amenities and enhanced athletic fields.

Both Lanning and Barro expressed their disappointment that the indoor component was not included. However, both understood that something needed to be done to our outdoor aquatic facilities and would also allow other park improvements.

Nowak said he was excited about the possibilities with the sales tax passage and said that including other park ammonites increases the number of people who would be touched by the possible improvements.

Nowak made a motion to approve Resolution #4. Seconded by Lanning. Passed by a voice vote.

**4. Discussion of Dedicating Real Property to the St. Charles Parks and Recreation Board for Development, Care and Maintenance as Public Parks.**

Britton presented the Board with a memo and supporting documents in regards to a discussion that will take place at a future City Council Work Session (May 10th). Over the years 8 parks have been formally dedicated to the Parks & Recreation Board for their development, care and maintenance. 16 current parks have not been dedicated. Britton wanted to get the Board's thoughts on the issue. Smith said that he had concerns that dedicating parks not only ties the Boards hands but also the City Council's hands and would not be in favor. The Board and Council Liaison Feldman asked that staff prepare an email to City Attorney Valenti asking questions about the current charter and the protections it provides and also what would the pros and cons of dedicating all of the parks formally to the Parks & Recreation Board. Staff said that they would do that.

5. **Adopt a Park (Board Member observations pertinent to facilities, programs and services within the Park System)**

Fichtenmayer- Kiwanis and Fountain Lakes Park looks good.

Barro – Booneslick looked good.

Ryan – Good.

Lanning – Frontier Park, Berthold Square and Kister Park all looked good.

Bichel – Good.

Mudrovic – Wapelhorst and Schaefer Parks looked good.

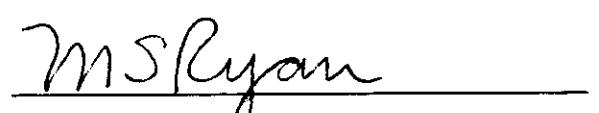
Smith - Asked about weed control at McNair. Staff said they would look into it.

As there was not any other business to discuss Lanning moved for Adjournment at 7:07pm.  
Seconded by Mudrovic. Passed unanimously.

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Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Valerie Lanning - Vice - President

  
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Mike Ryan  
Secretary