

CITY OF WELDON SPRING
Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee (PRAC) Meeting
November 26, 2018 - Minutes

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Nicholas Baldecchi, Chairman, at 5:38 PM.
 - A. PRAC Roster - Those present:
 - i. Nicholas Baldecchi, Chairman
 - ii. Ronnie Griesenauer, Vice-Chair
 - iii. Vic Conlin, Member
 - iv. Bettie Yahn-Kramer, Member
 - v. Kim Smith, Member
 - vi. Board of Aldermen Liaison – Ald. Gerry Baker
 - vii. Michael Padella, City Administrator

2. **REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - i. 11/05/18 Minutes – Motion to approval made by Bettie Yahn-Kramer and 2nd by Ronnie Griesenauer; all-in-favor, motion carried.

3. **UNFINISHED (OLD) BUSINESS:**
 - A. ***Existing Playground Improvement/Renovation Project*** – Chairman Baldecchi opened this item up for discussion. A review of the Memo dated 11/26/18 from the City Administrator to PRAC was used as a discussion outline, see Memo. It was recommended by the PRAC members to reach out to Playground Vendors requesting recommendations based upon a broad overview and scope to be prepared by the City Administrator. Request Vendors to provide some conceptual proposals for PRAC’s review and consideration. Areas of focus included: demolition of existing equipment, features, educational elements, warranty/maintenance details, age ranges and how the new equipment would complement and flow with the equipment staying in place.

Branding ideas were discussed including desire to capture local history perhaps to be incorporated into the new play equipment or features or as informational boards on display in/around the playground or throughout the Park. This should be a consideration for future parks and their development.

PRAC discussed a desired or target timeline to complete the installation of the new playground equipment. Ideally, the project installation would begin by Spring of 2019 and be totally complete prior to July 4th.

Vic Conlin volunteered to reach out to a short list of playground vendors with an initial draft project scope which will be prepared by the City Administrator and reviewed by PRAC via email correspondence.

 - B. Next event is Santa’s Visit to Weldon Spring – Saturday, December 1st 2:00 – 4:00 PM in the Park Building.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- A.** Report from Board of Aldermen Liaison – Ald. Baker reported on the following topics:
- 1.** New Community Relations Coordinator position has been posted and advertised and candidates sought.
 - 2.** Vanguard Apartment project: This project to include the donation of 2.47 acres of park land to the City and a monetary donation to the City’s Park Fund of \$204,750.
 - 3.** Future park land donations and sites need to be considered and identified.
 - 4.** Be thinking about what funding does PRAC need in the future?
 - 5.** Tree plantings in public spaces: Should we develop a program to plant trees in/along public rights-of-way and/or in parks. Possible resource would be Forest ReLeaf of Missouri for free or discounted trees.
- B.** The next PRAC meeting will be Monday, January 14, 2019 at 5:45 PM.

ADJOURNMENT – Bettie Yahn-Kramer made a motion to adjourn, it was 2nd by Ronnie Griesenauer; all-in-favor, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: _____
Michael Padella, City Administrator