

**Minutes
Recreation Committee
June 6, 2016
6:00 PM
3rd committee meeting**

Members present were Chairman Terry Merritt, Committee members Carol King and Taft Matney. Recreation Director Van Brannon and City Administrator Trey Eubanks were also present.

1. Call to order.- Chairman Merritt
2. Public comment.
3. Reading and approval of minutes.- May 2, 2016; May 13, 2016 workshop
Councilman Matney made a motion to approve the May 2, 2016 minutes.
Councilwoman King seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

Councilwoman made a motion to approve the May 16, 2016 minutes.

Councilman Matney seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or communications from city officers.- Van reported the Trevor Booker basketball camp started today. The wheelchair softball tournament will be this weekend. We will host a baseball district tournament next week.

Chairman Merritt asked why the Recreation program line item was over budget. Van said some of it was the egg drop. Chairman Merritt said the Sports Center repair and maintenance line was over as well. Trey said that was the HVAC expenses. Program expenses are over because of official fees.

Chairman Merritt asked who runs the basketball program. Van said Willie does the scheduling. Chairman Merritt asked if Willie does that and Willie works for Recreation, why is it budgeted in the sports center? Van said he thinks it was originally done that way because it was all being played out of the sports center. Now we use the Senior Center gym as well. Chairman Merritt said we might talk about moving some budgets around.

Chairman Merritt said there was expenses for City Scape Winery under 300-400-700. Is 300 council? That is hospitality and accommodations. That is a city event. The City took in ticket revenue, city scape invoices us for the tickets.

5. Unfinished business

a. Recreation Facilities

1. Report from May 13 Committee Meeting- The interest and commitment from committee to getting a plan in place is great. Trey said he appreciates this commitment to an overall recreation plan that will be brought to council.

2. Springfield Park- Van reported he got the parking lot survey and some preliminary information from Langley this morning. It shows elevations and some other information. Kim has seen the parking lot survey and caught some ADA issues. We are close to getting that to the County for permitting.

Trey said we could green light Langley in the morning and if something needs to be changed, we can do that. This needs to be done as soon as possible. Chairman Merritt asked about deleting the water fountains. Is it required? He is afraid they will be taken off the walls and vandalized. The concession area will be open and have water.

- b. Report on "Get Fit Mauldin"- 15 people have signed up for this so far. There has been a good push on social media and door hangers have been done by public works, so we may get more participation.

- c. SFA/SFM Study- A conference call was held last week. Some information has been sent to them to get them started. The company seems excited about the opportunity. They seem to really want to come in to Mauldin and tailor this study to us. A lot of options will be on the table. Van Broad will be included in this study as well with economic development. Councilwoman King said she has talked to some people she knows and they are thrilled we are bringing in some outside consultants to look at the facilities and programs. Chairman Merritt agreed.

- d. Cultural Center Improvements- Arbor Engineering sent a proposal for the cultural center parking and playground. Trey reminded committee that Arbor did the master plan for the cultural center and did a good job then. The SCDOT permit is still open, so when we have to contend with storm drainage, we can use the existing permit to save time and money.

Councilman Matney said Friday night was a drop in the bucket, but we have an opportunity for family activities. This can be a crown jewel. He does have a question on the proposed fees. He thinks one number is a bit high. Trey said he can probably get them to change that for us. Chairman Merritt said the addition of the restroom facility was an add on later on. Grading and tree removal will need to be done for the playground area. His emphasis is on the playground. Parking is secondary to him. There is a playground that was taken out of Sunset Park that has not yet been replaced.

Trey said this includes construction engineering. Arbor will be involved in the process. If committee wants to turn this loose, we can handle it. Chairman Merritt said turn them loose for the playground before the parking lot. Councilwoman King agreed and said they can start the process.

Councilman Matney made a motion to send this item to council with a recommendation for funding from hospitality and accommodations funds. Councilwoman King seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous (3-0).

Trey said the report from the May 13th committee meeting included a sample of how we proceeded with the playground equipment at Pine Forest Park. Council sets a budget and vendors bid on what they will install based on the budget. This will come back to council and the bid will be awarded. What we need is budget direction. Chairman Merritt said he would like to see fitness based equipment at Sunset Park with fitness stations and things like that. A budget for that kind of thing is extremely difficult. Councilman Matney said we want to give them a budget number and give us the biggest and best you can. Councilman Matney said Van understands playground equipment prices and he could come up with an appropriate budget. Trey said we could go out to bid and try to get

some quotes on some of the things that were shown at the May 13th committee.
Van said he can do this as long as he knows a budget number. Van will come up with a number and committee can give feedback.

6. New business
7. Public comment.
8. Committee concerns.
9. Adjournment.- Chairman Merritt adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk