

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the special meeting of the Brainerd Park Board was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Board President Rushmeyer.

Upon roll call, the following members were noted as present: Schaefer, Shipe, Yeager, Rushmeyer, and City Council Liaison Dave Badeaux. Member Boeder was noted absent.

Also noted present were City Engineer Sandy, Recreation Coordinator Kaufman, Community Development Director Chanski, and Chris Sonmor from WSB.

Board President Rushmeyer opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Approval of the Agenda - Approved

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS YEAGER AND SCHAEFER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Approve Plans and Specification and Authorize Bidding - Mississippi Landing Trailhead Park - Approved

Mr. Sonmor is seeking the Park Board's final approval and authorization to bid the Mississippi Landing Trailhead Park project as presented. He asked for questions or comments. Mr. Sandy thanked the PMT committee for all the time they put into this. Mr. Chanski made a few comments about project decisions that were recommended by the PMT due to receiving less grant money than was requested. The grant guidelines will not allow the City to replace the teaching center in the base bid with the amphitheater structure because the amphitheater does not have an environmental purpose. The City is committed to using the grant money on the base bid items and will proceed with alternate bid items if there is money left after bids come in. Ms. Schaefer asked for clarification and it was determined that item A3 in the Alternate Schedule should have been included with the Base Schedule.

MOVED AND SECONDED BY MEMBERS BOEDER AND SCHAEFER, DULY CARRIED, TO APPROVE THE PLANS AND AUTHORIZE BIDDING FOR MISSISSIPPI LANDING TRAILHEAD PARK.

Public Forum

The Chair opened and closed the Public Forum at 4:14 p.m.

Adjourn

MOVED AND SECONDED AT 4:15 P.M. BY BOEDER AND SHIPE, DULY CARRIED, TO ADJOURN TO THE WORK SESSION FOR JAYCEES PARK MASTER PLANNING.

Work Session Notes

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As they begin to move ahead with master planning, Mr. Yeager asked Park Board members to think about how they want to classify the different parks, whether passive, active or a hybrid of the two. He cautioned about the “replacement mentality” of replacing a playground with a playground just because there has always been one. He challenged them to think outside the box with long-term planning. To help speed up the discussion process he put together a list of options to consider for each park. He broke it down between summer and winter activities, visual amenities, buildings and structures, and general amenities.

The group discussed Jaycees Park at length and came up with changes to the existing layout, what to keep, what to remove, relocation of amenities, things to add, possible future uses of the park and multi-use options for the ballfields. It was noted that many people don't realize the north side of the park exists and board members gave direction to do some clearing between the two sections of the park that are only connected by a path at this time.

Mr. Yeager will put together a couple of drawings for the next Park Board meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Finch, Administrative Specialist

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