

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting: January 17, 2018

Members Present: Matt Tullis, Jeffrey Sogge, Kim Barnes. Justin Strom

Absent: Anel Garza

Staff Present: Anne Selness. Kristin Titus

Guests: None

Minutes of the Dec. 20, 2017 meeting were approved.

Kristin Titus – City Horticulturist Report

- We will be planting 4000 annuals at Riverview Park this year instead of 8000 due to limited staff to maintain these gardens. We have eliminated 6 gardens.
- In 2017 Kristin designed a breast cancer awareness garden. In 2018 she is planning an autism color cube garden.
- We have 6 flower beds needing to be adopted in 2018. Three beds are already spoken for.
- A new landscape is being planned for around Reunion Hall including two red bud trees to be installed by Trees Forever.
- A donation to Judge Park will result in a new garden planted in April for around the flag pole.
- Trees Forever will be planting 29 trees in three parks this spring with some newer species including sweet gum, black gum, bald cypress and cucumber (magnolia).
- The 2015 city tree inventory is being updated to include trees removed and added in the last two year. The inventory contains every tree in Marshalltown that the city is responsible for.
- We will be applying for a designation as a tree city for 2018. Marshalltown has not had this designation since 2010.

Director's Report

- We talked about the activities going on in the coliseum this winter including volleyball, Zumba and taekwondo, pickleball, soccer and downtown tot town.
- We will be setting up an online registration system for the futsal courts. We have had numerous requests for time slots.
- The skate park Community Foundation grant has been submitted and Jessica Kinser, Matt Gerstandt and Jason Johnson are scheduled to speak to their board about the project upgrade. We will be adding more difficult elements, a graffiti wall and a pump track. Jeff Sogge would like to start painting the first side. This would be great! We may also try to find an art teacher or artist to hold a kids artwork class to start the second side of the wall. Justin Strom will look into finding donated labor to build the cinder block wall.
- Anne will see if she can find a student to join our Advisory Board. Board members were asked to think of someone else who may be interested.
- The Mega-10 Park project was printed in the National Recreation and Park Association January magazine.
- The May 16 meeting will be held at Mega-10 park to help Kristin Titus plant the 400 annuals needed in the color wheel at the Children's Discovery Garden. Anne will also invite the 2017 IVL class to help.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm. Next meeting is February 21, 2018 at 4:15 pm in the City Hall Basement.