



Parks and Visitor Services Committee

March 13, 2023

Committee Members Present: Gary Sprague, Councilor Mike McClain, Kristin Schwartz, Jessica Prins, Kaitlyn Newlin, Michael Sneary
Staff Present: Brett Barton

1) CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME 5:00 PM

Appoint Chair for the Parks Committee – Kristin Schwartz moved to appoint Gary Sprague, Jessica Prins seconded and the vote was favorable.

2) OLD BUSINESS:

- Approve minutes – Jessica Prins moved to approve the minutes, Michael Sneary seconded and the vote was favorable.

3) OTHER BUSINESS:

- Councilor Mike McClain gave the City Council liaison report
- Mike speaks to the Urban Renewal Budget and it's possible effect on the water reservoir, new fire engine and future plaza
- Mike speaks to the upcoming City Council work study session dealing with the pickle ball issue

b. Public Works Report – Brett Barton

- Brett Barton speaks to losing trees in Creekside Park
- Brett speaks to modifications to the public toilets at Forest Park to discourage vandalism
- Brett speaks to repairs to water system at the Arboretum.
- Brett speaks to laying new bark at Sheffel-Thurston Park
- Brett speaks to power washing all play equipment at city park playgrounds.

5) PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute limit per person)

Councilor McClain introduced guest, Councilor Andrea Lerner, and asked her to give details on the grant she helped secure for fuel reduction at Forest Park.

Tony Hess spoke to new signs to discourage bikes on sensitive trails at Forest Park.

Tony Hess spoke to QR codes that will link to maps for Forest Park and the Woodlands.

6) NEXT MEETING: June 5, 2023, 5:00 PM

7) ADJOURN: 5:30 PM