



**PARKS + RECREATION COMMITTEE
JULY 12, 2021 AT 3:00PM
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM, 4TH FLOOR
MEETING MINUTES**

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Donna Reed decided not to attend the meeting and meet with Jennifer Letourneau first.

Shedrich Webster spoke to the Committee on behalf of a group of teenagers who play basketball in the community and requested the use of one of the recreation centers.

II. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Parks and Recreation Committee was called to order by Chairperson Richmond at 3:05 p.m. on July 12, 2021.

III. ANNOUNCE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Councilperson Vondell Richmond
Councilperson Ashlee Evans
Councilperson Richard Garrett
Councilperson Karen Reynolds

Councilperson DaJuan Little was absent.

IV. ADOPTION OF MEETING MINUTES

- June 14, 2021

Councilperson Evans made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Councilperson Garrett seconded the motion. The motion to adopt the minutes passed without objection.

V. COUNCIL ACTION

- Memorial Wall MOU

Kevin Armstrong and Deanna McLaughlin presented the Committee with a mockup of the proposed Memorial Wall for Patriots Park. They provided more

information on the group, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association and what information will be included on the memorial wall. They outlined the steps that have already been taken and asked that the donation be accepted.

Councilperson Garrett made a motion to approve the project. Councilperson Evans seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

Councilperson Richmond thanked them for their contribution and service to the community.

- USCT Memorial Monument

Mike Taliento, Phyllis Smith and Nick Nicholson with the Mt. Olive Cemetery Historical Preservation Society presented a proposal for the placement of a United States Colored Troops monument in Clarksville. The presentation detailed the location and placement considerations, cost, timeline and description of the statue.

Councilperson Reynolds asked why Fort Defiance was chosen as the location for the statue and not Mt. Olive Cemetery. Mr. Nicholson responded that accessibility was the main issue.

Councilperson Garrett made a motion to approve the project. Councilperson Evans seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and the motion was approved.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Adult and Youth Basketball Leagues

Councilperson Garrett reported to the Committee that Jennifer Letourneau had shared some background information with him regarding other adult leagues that had occurred in the past. He asked her to share that same information with the group. Jennifer discussed the success of the Department's youth basketball league but informed them that the numbers for an adult basketball league had not been met after several attempts.

Councilperson Garrett predicts that the popularity of the Department's youth leagues will go up due to another local league not returning this year. He suggested possibly having two separate youth leagues. Jennifer Letourneau stated that one issue they already face is finding enough practice space.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- Human Resources Report

Jennifer Letourneau presented a list of all of the current vacancies available within the Department including part-time and full-time positions. She noted that all of these listings can be found on the City's website.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Councilperson Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilperson Garrett seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 p.m passed without objection.

Meeting minutes were prepared by Leigh Harpel.

Minutes were approved on November 8, 2021.