

**Raytown Park Board  
Minutes  
April 17, 2017**

**Attendance:**

**Park Board:** Danielle Miles, Chris Rathbone, Dave Thurman, Nancy Nail, Robbie Tubbs, Mike Hanna, Pat Jackson and George Mitchell

**Staff:** Kevin Boji, Ron Fowler, Dave Turner and Mary Ann McCormick

**Guests:** Jeff Hirst, Director of Sales and Marketing, Adam's Mark Hotel

A quorum was declared present and the meeting was called to order. The minutes from March 20, 2017 and April 4, 2017 were approved as written.

**Reports of Officers:**

President – no report

Vice President - see Item 1 below

**Report of Standing & Special Committees:**

**Personnel** – no report

**Finance** – Chris reported City/Park Sales Tax Committee met April 17. They voted to maintain the current 75/25 parks/storm water control sales tax revenue split. City is planning to refinance \$33 mil in bonds for TIF debt and issue \$4 mil in Certificates of Participation for public works projects in 2017. Can Parks \$2.4 mil in park improvement project be included in city's debt plan? Chris said public referendum to increase park stormwater sales tax vote from 1/8 to 3/8 cents in August 2017. Mayor, City Administrator to meet with Finance Director on parks debt question and get back to Chris Rathbone. Chris and Kevin with meet with Finance Director for next steps in financing park projects. Jackson County Election Board ballot certification deadline: May 30, 2017.

**Program** – no report

**Buildings & Grounds** – no report

**Rice Tremonti** – Dave Thurman reported R-T Board is now renting R-T home for birthday parties and events to increase revenue.

**Staff Reports:**

**Director** – Kevin reported the Board of Alderman new member orientation is April 25. Each department will present information about their operations. 3 disc golf baskets have been ordered and received from Dynamic Discs for installation in Minor- Smith Park at a later date.

**Superintendent of Parks** – a written report was distributed

**Recreation Report** – a written report was distributed.

**New Business:**

1. Parks Improvement Plan –During April 4<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting, Park Board reviewed proposed \$4 mil park improvement plan and elected to approve a plan for \$2.8 mil in prioritized park equipment replacement and repairs. Top projects: Colman Park – playground cost estimate \$250k; Kenagy Park – tennis court resurfacing estimate \$300k; Southwood Park – walking trail estimated \$50k; Super Splash – demolition and splash pad estimated cost \$1.8mil. Consensus of Board is focus on high priority options and a public vote to increase the 1/8 cent park/stormwater control sales tax to 3/8 cent with revenue to fund \$2.4m Certificates of Participation. City currently hiring financial advisor firm and bond counsel for city projects. Park Board interested in partnering with city to fund park projects through city's financial advisor.

2. Jeff Hirst, Director of Sales and Marketing with Adams Mark Hotel, met with Ron at Super Splash to pick up pool chemicals and review equipment they're interested in purchasing for Coco Key. A list of equipment is attached. Kevin asked Jeff for an offer on the equipment. Jeff suggested Park Board provide a price range and authorize staff to negotiate within the price range. Kevin estimates equipment value at \$40k-\$50k. Nancy Nail motioned to table the item until Board decides what to do with Super Splash property. Seconded by Pat Jackson.
3. Mike Hanna motioned to purchase 4 basketball goals from Fry and Associates for \$3568 plus \$400 shipping for a total cost of \$3968 for installation at Super Splash parking lot. Chris Rathbone seconded. Upon further discussion, Mike Hanna amended motion to purchase 4 basketball goals with 2 to be installed at Super Splash and 2 to be installed in other parks as per staff recommendation. Seconded by Nancy Nail. Amended motion was seconded and passed.
4. Discussion on possibility of dog park for Raytown at Southwood Lagoon. Park Board requested staff to prepare a report for May. Contact other dog parks with pros/cons of dog parks. Would they do it again? How often is park closed for reseeding? How is park regulated, admission fees, and environmental studies.
5. 8:20 PM Mike Hanna motioned to adjourn. Second by Chris Rathbone. Motion passed.