

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, August 16th at 5:30 pm

Carthage City Hall, Council Chambers

Public Services Committee Members Present: Ceri Otero, Ed Hardesty, Trudy Blankenship, Brandi Ensor

Members Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Traci Cox, Mark Peterson, Chelsea Cholley

Non-Members: Abi Almandinger, Robin Blair, Steve Cottrell, Jason Shelfer, Dr. Larry Deffenbaugh, David Armstrong.

Councilwoman Otero called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Old Business

1. Consider and approve minutes from the previous meeting.

Councilwoman Blankenship moved to approve the minutes.

Motion Carried

New Business

1. Consider and Discuss Citizen Public Art at Griggs Park.

Mr. Peterson explained that Parks Department has been looking at different opportunities to bring public art to our parks. Mr. Peterson was approached by Mr. Shelfer with a concept to paint on a blank wall located in Griggs Park that they have already primed previously. Mr. Shelfer explained that this is not an Art Central Project but that a few members of the board of directors has been assisting in this effort. Mr. Shelfer provided a design of what would be painted which would encompass the feel of the community in Griggs Park. Mr. Shelfer stated that he hopes with the start of this project it would help create momentum for other art projects in the city and create an appreciation of art in Carthage. This would be at no cost to the city and they would fundraise the cost of supplies.

Councilman Hardesty Motioned to pass resolution to council to accept donation of Citizen Public Art at Griggs Park.

Motion Carried.

2. Consider and Discuss Civil War Cannon Donation for Central Park

Mr. Peterson started off by stating some history with Central Park and the Civil War and how he was approached by Mr. Cottrell and Dr. Deffenbaugh about a donation of a Cannon that will be provided and purchased by Dr. Deffenbaugh. Mr. Peterson explained that the cannon donation would align with the master plan trail that will include educational signage and placed in the southeast corner of Central Park. Dr. Deffenbaugh will provide the cannon at no cost to the city if parks would be able to provide a spot for it in Central Park. The city would provide a concrete pad for it to be placed on as well as some educational signage.

**Councilman Hardesty Motioned to pass resolution to council to accept donation of Civil War Cannon for Central Park.
Motion Carried.**

Staff Reports

Mr. Peterson provided updates on some McCune Brooks Regional Hospital Trust projects. The committee was provided one concept for Municipal Park Destination Playground. Mr. Peterson stated we are still waiting on cost of the concept shown as well as meeting with others to get more concepts for Municipal Park Playground. Mr. Peterson stated he is also waiting on a concept for Kellogg Lake Project that will be a nature concept with restrooms and playgrounds and stated Jason will be providing more information on the updates that will be to the park restrooms. Mr. Peterson stated that parks will be looking at some other grant opportunities and MBRHT stated they would allow us to use those dollars as matching funds. Parks will meet with Mr. Skinner of the Conservation Department to assist us with review of grant opportunities.

Mr. Peterson explained that he was able to meet with Cody Smith, State Representative for our district, to look into some state grant opportunities that would be helpful for some park projects and some possible land acquisition.

Mr. Peterson stated that he has met with Ms. Almandinger and Dick Horton Consulting to share ideas and next steps for the pocket park. Ms. Almandinger is to survey the square business owners and employees of the square and court house. The data and ideas will be shared with Jason to develop designs and implementation. Mr. Peterson stated that pricing from Game Time Athletics just came in and will be reviewed and he will be looking at other contractors as well but will be using the information Game Time provided to help develop a plan and work with Jason.

Mr. Peterson provided a summary to the committee that explained the financials of Fourth of July and the result of the MOU that Parks had with Carthage Chamber of Commerce. The partnership allowed to have no cost in creating the 4th of July experience outside of staff. It is expected that the partnership will be even more successful next year. Mr. Peterson also provided a breakdown of the Civil war reenactment budget and the funds that they have remaining that will be used towards more Civil War Events.

Mr. Peterson went over the Lime scooter trial period, since we have expanded on 7/28 there has only been one person to reach out to the park department over a concern that did not have anything to do with the expansion. There was a large increase as expected through Marian Days, but based on a map that Mr. Peterson provided, it can be seen that users are using the scooters all over town. A more complete description and recommendation will be brought forward after the trial period ends on 8/21.

Councilwoman Blankenship made a motion to adjourn.

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.