

**MINUTES
KING PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee met in a regular session on Thursday, February 9, 2023. Present were: Chairman, Garry Merritt, Steve Roberson, Thomas Newsom, Lynn Barr, and Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Calloway.

Chairman, Garry Merritt, called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Lynn Barr made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2023 regular meeting. Steve Roberson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Calloway, presented thoughts on updates to the Parks and Recreation Department's mission statement. The committee brainstormed ideas and came up with the following: The Parks and Recreation Department exists to provide meaningful and engaging activities connecting the people of King with their community, the natural world, and themselves. We strive to acknowledge the vital role our parks play as the social and emotional center of our community, and to maintain them to a standard which promotes pride in our parks and in the City of King. Thomas Newsom made a motion to approve the mission statement as read. Lynn Barr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

The committee heard a request from Verna Brewer, representative of the Spainhour family, to erect a Revolutionary War marker next to the Spainhour Cabin at Central Park. Lynn Barr made a motion to approve the request. Thomas Newsom seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

The organization of a City of King Parks Foundation was discussed. The committee shared concerns but were overall of the opinion that it could be helpful if committed volunteers could be recruited.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

ITEMS OF GENERAL CONCERN

UPDATES ON PARKS

Parks and Recreation Director, Olivia Calloway, updated the committee on current park projects, including pickleball, which was presented to City Council on Monday, February 6th, 2023. The Council approved the proposal to construct six lighted courts at Recreation Acres in the lot adjacent to White Rd, provided that the pickleball community were able to raise the funds.

ADJOURNMENT

Lynn Barr made a motion to adjourn. Steve Roberson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a 4-0 vote.

APPROVED BY:

ATTEST:

Olivia Calloway, Parks and Recreation Director