

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY OF MOORE PARKS BOARD
January 9th, 2023 -6:00 PM**

The Parks Board of the City of Moore met in regular session, 700 S. Broadway, Moore, Oklahoma on January 9th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with Vice Chairman Sid Porter presiding. The following members were present:

Sid Porter
Kelley Mattocks

Eddie Vickers
Robert Washington

ABSENT: Arvin, Milum, Payne

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, Whitney Wathen and Administrative Assistant, Rita Chadrick.

Agenda Item Number 1 being:

- ROLL CALL; (listed above).

Agenda Item Number 2 being:

RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 6th, 2022

Board Member Mattocks motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held December 6th, 2022; second by Board Member Washington. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Porter, Mattocks, Vickers, Washington
Nays: None
Absent: Arvin, Milum, Payne

Agenda Item Number 3 being:

NEW BUSINESS:

(A) CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

There were no citizens present to speak.

(B) ITEMS FROM THE PARK BOARD

There were no items from the Board.

Agenda Item Number 4 being:

REPORTS

Whitney Wathen, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director, informed the Board of the groundbreaking ceremony for The Station expansion on January 25. He noted that the expansion includes building an addition to the existing building and remodeling some interior areas. The new additions include a basketball court-size facility that will temporarily function as two activity rooms and two group exercise rooms, an additional entry into the facility, a mechanical room and restrooms. The existing group exercise rooms on the second floor will expand to allow for more free-weight and cardio exercise equipment. Child Watch will also expand into the existing Activity Room and will be able to accommodate an additional 25 children; Meeting Rooms 1 and 2 will have the floor resurfaced into a sports floor and will eventually become a fitness room.

Vice Chairman Porter asked how long it would take to complete and if everything will be done at once; if expanding the pool to accommodate more patrons is in future plans; and how the hiring of additional staff is going and if there are any perks in place, not necessarily monetary, to get them to work here.

Whitney responded that the estimated completion of the expansion is 12-14 months from the start date. The expansion will be in phases: Phase II will be adding meeting rooms and a catering kitchen; in Phase III the rooms being used as temporary activity rooms and group exercise rooms will become a basketball court. As for the pool the master plan is to add to it in some way every three years although it is not feasible budget wise; a five-year plan is more doable. The current pool capacity is 800 and won't increase just because amenities are added; the only way it could increase is by adding restrooms since that's what determines how many people can be in the pool area at one time. An expansion could occur in the future depending on funding although I don't want everything to be built here; I want to spread it out amongst all the wards and throughout the city. We are managing as far as hiring additional staff and there are many positions open for the summer, but it's not easy getting applicants due to the competitive job market so we're going to try to do the best we can to incentivize people to work here.

Board Member Vickers asked about the possibility of getting more driveway and parking by the amphitheater and whether the grassy area on the south end of Central Park is ever open for parking for events; he also inquired as to what is being built on the south end of Central Park by the strip mall.

Whitney responded that there are plans to put in additional parking and a drive although it's a long-range plan with no set date. He noted that the grassy area is used for parking for big events, such as last month's Christmas Spectacular. As for the construction at the

strip mall the gentleman that owns the property up front is putting in another shopping area behind it.

Agenda Item Number 5 being:

ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Vickers motioned to adjourn the regular meeting of the Moore Parks Board; second by Board Member Mattocks. Motion passed unanimously.

Ayes: Porter, Mattocks, Vickers, Washington

Nays: None

Absent: Arvin, Milum, Payne

The Moore Parks Board meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

RECORDED/TRANSCRIBED BY:

RITA CHADRICK, Parks and Recreation Administrative Assistant

FOR:

CHARLES PAYNE, Secretary

These minutes passed and approved as noted this ____ day of _____, 2023.