



CPPS Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021
6:00 p.m.

Ex Officio:	Margaret Shriver	Board Chair:	Wayne Snider
Members:	Thurman Gardner	Michelle Parker	Kenny Shaw
	Troy Thomson	Bonnie Sandburg	

Note: There are no official minutes for the July 13, 2022 meeting of CPPS Board. That meeting was a CPPS Board Workshop to discuss budget and project priorities for FY23 and beyond.

1. Approve minutes of minutes of April 13, 2022

- **Motion:** Board member Shaw made the motion to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2022 with the edits noted by Board member Duren.
- **Second:** Board member Thompson seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes 5-0

2. Review Cemetery Activity

- Assistant City Manager Zack Daniel reviewed the financial report, which currently shows a consolidated balance of \$75,408.03
- Mr. Daniel also noted that he has begun receiving quotes for planter repairs, which he expects to have more information on later in the year.
- He also reviewed the cemetery activity as of late.
- **Motion:** Board Chair Snider made a motion to accept the report as presented.
- **Second:** Board member Shaw seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes, 5-0

3. Hear a summary report of the May 11, 2022 community meeting with the River Falls subdivision regarding the River Front Park redevelopment project

- Mr. Daniel reviewed the public meeting with the River Falls subdivision, which saw six residents attend.
- By and large, the improvements presented did not have opposition. However, residents expressed great concerns about the proximity of the trail connector to the neighborhood. Attendees expressed their concerns about crime and proper maintenance. Trail improvements that were close to homes were also not a popular inclusion in the plan.
- Improvements that were a farther distance from homes were not as unpopular, with no specific issues raised about improvements related to the boat ramp, fishing nodes, or the overlook. There were some concerns voiced about possible vandalism of the permanent restroom facility.
- Board Member Thurman noted his observation from the meeting, who largely disagreed with some of the points raised by those in attendance especially the safety concerns they raised.
- Board member Thompson noted that this area is still a public space that should be maximized for use by the larger community.

- The largest concern was issues with the trail connector, which the attendees felt would bring bad actors to the area, despite the fact that the Park is closed during these “peak crime hours.”
- While the residents did express some valid concerns, the consensus of the group was to move forward with the plan as designed with some slight modifications. The largest modification would be to consider pushing the trail expansion further south and to eliminate the planning for the trail connector at this time. Stantec would instead design the park for a future trail connector as well as a possible sidewalk connection along 9th St.
- No official action was taken as a result of this discussion.

4. Consider proposal from Whitefield Academy Rowing Team regarding improvements at River Front Park for boating activity

- Mr. Daniel introduced Rachel from the Whitefield Academy Rowing team in KC, MO. Rachel noted that the team usually practices out of Wyandotte County Lake. A recent algae issue there necessitated them to look for another location, which City staff allowed use of River Front Park.
- While using the park, Whitefield felt that the park offered an improved experience than in Wyandotte County Lake. She also noted that there was a recent possibility of donation of a floating dock from Kansas State University which could ostensibly be installed at the existing park for use by rowers and other boating activity.
- She asked about the possibility of installation of storage racks or a shed that would support rowing activity. The idea was also floated that Whitefield could operate rowing programming for Edwardsville Parks and Rec.
- There were some questions regarding the use of the dock and whether it would be a permanent or temporary improvement.
- There was additional discussion on the possibility of the dock and programming serving as an in-kind donation to the redevelopment project.
- Rachel reviewed some of the activity that could take place with more rowing infrastructure in place.
- The board gave staff a general consensus to continue to explore the potential partnership.

5. Consider long-term rental policies for the Edwardsville Community Center

- Mr. Daniel noted that Councilmember Shriver asked that this be tabled for later in the year as she was not able to make this meeting.
- **Motion:** Board Chair Snider made the motion to table this item to a later date.
- **Second:** Board Member Shaw seconded the motion
- **Vote:** Passes, 5-0

6. Consider planning update for the 2022 Memorial Day Service

- Mr. Daniel reviewed the planning for Memorial Day, noting that both public safety departments as well as the local VFW would be participating in the event.
- Board Chair Shaw noted some of the other items that needed to be arranged prior to (flags, program, etc.) and stated he will be in attendance on the date.
- No action was required as part of this update.

7. Advisory Reports

- Mr. Daniel noted that it was his opinion that the HOA trail opportunity not be pursued at this time due to the cost of the project. He noted he encouraged the HOA to seek out other external funding. There was additional discussion on the City's trail/sidewalk expansion plans.
- Mr. Daniel noted that the Historic Cemetery restoration project is still planning on moving forward, though it will likely not be heard by the Planning Commission until the fall. White Lawn and Landscape will continue to make regular maintenance visits to the site over the summer.

Board member Sandburg asked that she be notified with a call if meeting dates are changed, which Mr. Daniel noted he would do that for meeting changes in the future.

There was discussion about the planned fish fry at the City Park and the summer movie program.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Zachary Daniel
City Clerk