

**Clayton Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting**  
**Monday, December 6, 2021**  
**Zoom Webinar**

**Members Present:** Ben Beinfeld, Karen Berry Elbert, Susan Buse, Jim Craig, Matt Durham, Bridget McAndrew, Gary Pierson, & Eric Schneider.

**Absent:** Daniel Henke-Cilenti & Missy McCormick

**Also, Present:** Patty DeForrest, Karen Herbig, Patrick Magee, Lori Rice, Toni Siering, Denise Ucinski & David Willey

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes from the November Commission meeting were approved as written.

**Addresses from the Audience:**

There were no addresses from the audience.

**Naming of Park at 7811 Maryland Avenue:**

Ms. Patty DeForrest reviewed the City's Donations, Sponsorship and Facility Naming policy with the Commission. She explained that an announcement will be made to other internal committees soliciting names for the park. Per the naming policy, the City Clerk gathers all the suggested names. The names will be discussed at the February meeting and three or four will be recommended to the BOA. Mr. Ben Beinfeld stated that naming the park on Maryland Avenue may be a great opportunity to recognize the history of the African American community in Clayton. Mr. Beinfeld will share additional information about the African American legacy with the Commission via email. Mr. Eric Schneider said Commission members should submit their name recommendations directly to him.

**Shaw Park Aquatic Center Annual Report:**

Ms. Karen Herbig presented the Shaw Park Aquatic Center Annual report to the Commission. The presentation included the following information: 2021 season overview, year-end financial report, revenue and expenditures details, season highlights, membership survey comments and slated improvements for the 2022 season. Ms. Herbig noted that the gate entrance will be enhanced in 2022 and become the main location for accessing the aquatic center.

**Shaw Park Tennis Center Annual Report:**

Mr. Patrick Magee presented the Shaw Park Tennis Center Annual Report to the Commission. The presentation included the following information: 2021 season highlights, Courts reservation system update, revenue and expenses, season pass sales summary, contractual services expenditures, membership survey results and comments, and 2022 tennis center plans. Ms. DeForrest noted that there is an RFP out for Tennis Center contractual services.

**Director's Report:**

Ms. DeForrest reported that ARB approved the design for the park at 7811 Maryland Avenue. The committee felt that we should consider a smaller sign – perhaps etched into the concrete. There were a couple of questions about lighting. SWT will make a few changes and finalize the drawings, and the project will go out to bid in January. Both Shaw Park playgrounds are open. A fence will be installed at the small playground. We are beginning work on the Oak Knoll Pond Project, but the majority of the construction will take place in the spring. MSD is a little behind at Anderson Park. Their goal is to be finished by the end of December. After that time, the city has some tree work to do and then it will be ready to re-open the Dog Park in March. Four firms are being interviewed for the Master Plan next week, more to come in the new year on that.

**Old Business / New Business:**

There was no old or new business.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: Denise Ucinski