

Recreation and Parks Advisory Board

Regular Meeting, April 11, 2019

Members Present: Brad Spears, Ray Garrett, David Kitzmiller, Melissa McMahan, Dan Robbins.

Absent: Naomi Asher, Mark Cantrell, Ken Rueter, Jerry Williams. Staff Member Present: Jon Hetrick

Topics of Discussion

1. Letter of support for a trail system in the greenbelt east of California Ave: Surveys were sent to neighborhood households soliciting comments on the proposed trail. All feedback was positive with the exception of two surveys. A draft letter to the Oak Ridge City Council was reviewed showing Recreation & Parks Board support for the greenbelt. Additional items discussed will be added to the letter and be presented for approval at the May meeting.
2. Rails to Trails: TDOT review of the proposed trail is nearly complete. After TDOT review the design stage of the project will commence. A public meeting will be held in the fall of 2019 for public comment on the project.
3. Oak Ridge City Blueprint: The board will review the approved City Blueprint for integration to future capitol projects.
4. Secret City Festival: Headline concerts will be Loverboy and .38 Special. Volunteers are needed for the June 7-8 event.
5. Integrated Natural Asset Development: A public event will be held on Wednesday April 17th at Melton Lake Marina to announce the Natural Asset Program.
6. East Fork Riparian (formerly Poplar Creek) Trail: Saturday April 13th is scheduled for work on the trail. Ray Garrett announced that the trail should be usable with the exception of needed bridges after this day's work is completed.
7. Oak Ridge Senior Center: Work is on schedule for a Fall 2019 opening date.
8. Recreation and Parks staff additions: Oak Ridge hired two new staff members for the position of Crew Chief.
9. Blankenship Field improvements: New turf has been laid, although the stadium continues to be a work site as other items are still in progress. The field will be ready for the graduation ceremony.

~John Jaruzel Observer