

A regular meeting of the City of Alma Parks Committee was held Monday, June 26, 2023, at the Alma Municipal Building.

Present: Josh Higbie, and Jamie Jerome.

Absent: Roger Allman, Kim Alonzi, Blaine Lafler, Andi Whitmore, and Luke Wright.

Also present: Curtis Dancer, and Aeric Ripley.

A quorum of the Committee membership was not present for the meeting.

Finance Director Curtis Dancer explained that no official business could be transacted as a quorum was not present for the meeting. He asked Higbie and Jerome if they had any concerns with the proposed minutes from the meeting of June 26th. Neither had concerns or suggestions for changes.

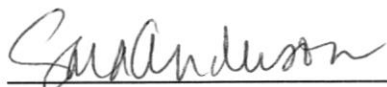
Dancer reviewed the results of the Alma Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Input Survey Results. He noted the online poll inadvertently cut off short and left off two parks for the first week and a half. The problem was corrected as soon as it was detected, but he expected it made a slight difference in survey results.

Committee members talked at length with Dancer about the results of the survey and comments that were heavily repeated regarding baseball and softball fields, parks maintenance, and security/vandalism. Discussion turned to ideas for programming and possibilities for a part-time recreation program director. Ideas included a community workday, donation boxes or a QR code for donations, an internship for students in CMU's recreation program, recreation program coordinators shared with other departments, and reaching out to building trades classes and instructors for help building consistent signage for all parks.

Dancer explained the next step will be to update goals and objectives and develop a new list of priorities and a realistic plan for the future including updated cost estimates. Brief discussion followed regarding the disc golf course. Jerome asked about the King Park restroom and City Manager Aeric Ripley explained that the building needs to come down, but replacement isn't in the budget for the time being. Discussion followed regarding rental of portable restrooms as an option.

Dancer asked about the girls' softball field and discussion followed about possible improvements and upgrades for the Washington Street field and Euclid Ball Fields. Additional brief discussion followed regarding the county parks millage. Dancer will send out follow-up information to members prior to the next meeting scheduled for Monday, August 28th, at 6:00 p.m.

The group recessed at 6:51 p.m.



Sara Anderson, Alma City Clerk

Date of Approval: August 28, 2023