

**City of Alma Parks Committee
Regular Meeting
December 18, 2023**

A regular meeting of the City of Alma Parks Committee was held Monday, December 18, 2023, at the Alma Municipal Building.

Present: Josh Higbie, Jamie Jerome, Blaine Lafler, and Luke Wright.
Absent: Roger Allman, Kim Alonzi, and Andi Whitmore.
Also present: Curtis Dancer and Aeric Ripley.

Alma Finance Director Curtis Dancer called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. A quorum of the Committee membership was present.

Review of Draft Master Plan

Finance Director Dancer reviewed the status of draft Parks master plan. He noted he is currently waiting for additional information for capital improvements cost estimates and aerial photos of assets. He explained he had done a "walk-through" of all the parks with Public Services Director David Ringle and Public Works Superintendent Jim Goodhall to develop a list of possible improvements. He used that information to update the 2016 capital improvements list and will be updating cost estimates, as well. He told members he would send a draft copy of the entire proposed plan for their review within the next few weeks.

Brief discussion followed regarding graphs and charts in the proposed plan, and the condition of the tennis courts at Holiday Park. Dancer explained both Goodhall and Ringle felt the surface was in reasonable condition and re-surfacing would be sufficient as opposed to complete replacement.

Dancer asked for feedback on the proposed plan by January 19th. He also indicated the number of meetings may be reduced in 2024, as there will be less business with the finalization of the master plan. He told members a list of 2024 meeting dates will be sent out in the next few weeks.

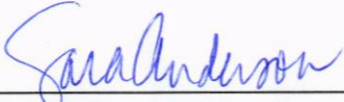
Dancer provided an update on the status of the grant application for a programming director, saying the final decision had been delayed again until January. Brief discussion followed.

Dancer also reminded members of the \$50,000 grant received from Gratiot County Parks & Recreation. He asked members to consider projects that could be included in a grant application in 2024.

Wright asked if any estimates had been received for the security upgrades. City Manager Ripley answered the estimates were approximately \$40,000 per park. Discussion followed regarding security cameras.

No additional business was presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.



Sara Anderson, Alma City Clerk

Date of Approval