



## CITY OF ALBERT LEA PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

*October 2021 Meeting  
10/18/2021, 5:45 pm  
City Garage*

1. CALL TO ORDER:
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Adopt Agenda
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
  - a. No official minutes from September meeting
3. PUBLIC ITEMS:
4. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
  - a. Inclusive Playground presentation by All Together
5. OLD BUSINESS:
6. UPDATE ITEMS/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:
  - a. Recreation
  - b. Parks
  - c. City Ice Arena
  - d. Senior Center
  - e. Marion Ross Theater
7. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:
8. ADJOURNMENT:

**\*\* Ryan will be providing a tour of the City Garage facility at the conclusion of the meeting.**

### MISSION STATEMENT

*"To provide quality recreational opportunities and to plan, acquire, develop and maintain attractive and safe parks and facilities that enhance the quality of life in the community of Albert Lea."*

PARKS & RECREATION  
ADVISORY BOARD  
UNOFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES

*September 20, 2021 5:30 pm*  
Edgewater Bay Pavilion

**Members Present:**

Steve Ball  
Jason Howland  
Jodi Hartman  
Amy Leach  
Jen Vogt-Erickson (arrived after the start)

**Members Absent:**

Whitney Sauer  
Rich Yost  
Tony Segura

**Staff in Attendance:**

Bob Furland, Recreation Manager  
Dani Bakken, Recreation Coordinator  
Steve Jahnke, City Engineer and Director of Public Works  
Ryan Hajek, Assistant Director of Public Works

**Others in Attendance:**

None

**Discussion Items:**

Steve Jahnke gave update on improvements for the green space near the north lot/splash pad. Holly from Albert Lea Convention and Visitors Bureau will fundraise the cost for the lights.

Steve also gave an update on the Frisbee Golf Course and hole relocation project. Three frisbee golf holes will be removed and relocated as part of the airport fence relocation project. Work will begin October 1<sup>st</sup>. The group should look at the plan for the relocation (attached in September Board Packet).

Bob gave update on power at Central Park. Bob shared that it will be power service similar to the one at North Lot. The total cost will be \$4,800-\$13,000.

**Recreation- Dani and Bob gave an update.**

- Working with the YMCA for a combined no school day activity over MEA
- Senior Center trips for October-December have been scheduled. Registration going well

- We helped with the Taste of Albert Lea at Central Park. Was a great event, with 3 music groups and hundred of people all day.
- Josh is working on closing the pool, Draining pipes and adding anti-freeze
- Working on updated the 2022 fee structures for the Recreation Department

#### **Ice Arena- Dani gave update**

- Ice is installed on Nystrom Arena
- Waldorf had the first game on September 11
- Working on scheduling ice with the Hockey Association, currently there are 9 tournaments scheduled on 6 weekends. All are either full or almost full.
- Hockey Association is skating 2 days a week with fall camp
- Albert Lea Figure Skating is skating 2 days a week
- Doing maintenance on Colstrup rink to prepare it for startup and ice
- Training new staff on building procedures and Zamboni

#### **Theater- Dani gave update**

- Elevator maintenance will be scheduled with Minnesota Elevator.

#### **Parks- Ryan gave update**

- Sondergaard park project is completed
- Working on memorial park, we have all equipment
- Mosquito spraying will be on Wednesday but will be starting earlier in the evening.
- Working on Edgewater park aerator
- October 1 the dredging equipment is being removed enough to work on the pioneer park aerator
- Working on improvement of trail at Edgewater
- Received \$100,000 for emeralds Ash Bore Grant

#### **Board Member updates:**

**Steve-** Asked about fencing around the garden

**Jason-** Auditions are starting for the Christmas Story, the board is requiring COVID vaccinates for anyone auditioning.