



**City of Covington
Parks & Recreation Commission Minutes**

March 16, 2016
6:00 PM

Covington City Hall

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.
ROLL CALL	Chair Laura Morrissey, Vice Chair Bryan Higgins, Lisa Knapton, Justin Reed, Troy McIntyre
EXCUSED	Connie Elliot, Zbigniew Tomalik
UNEXCUSED	
CITY STAFF PRESENT	Ethan Newton, Angie Feser
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	An amendment to the agenda was approved to add “Gerry Crick Skate Park design review” to new business. The Agenda was approved as amended.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The minutes for February were unanimously approved as submitted.
CITIZEN COMMENTS	NA

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Playground equipment vendor #1 presentation** – Chris McGarvey from Northwest Playground Equipment provided a presentation on their company, playground equipment and possible designs for the Covington Community Park Phase 2 playground. CM asked questions and McGarvey provided responses.
- 2. Playground equipment vendor #2 presentation** – John Mullan and Chris Donahue from Play Creation provided a presentation on their company, playground equipment and possible designs for the Covington Community Park Phase 2 playground. CM asked questions and Mullan provided responses.
- 3. Playground equipment vendor #3 presentation** – Peter Tammetta and Shon Frostad from Highwire, Inc provided a presentation on their company, playground equipment and possible designs for the Covington Community Park Phase 2 playground. CM asked questions and Tammetta provided responses.
- 4. Debrief on March 12th playground tour** – CM Morrissey provided a brief synopsis of the playground tour to CM that were not able to attend the tour. The tour included site visits to Luther Burbank Park in Mercer Island, Jefferson Park in Seattle and Green Tree Park in Kent. On the tour CM had the opportunity to see a variety of playground equipment and designs.
- 5. Providing Covington Community Park playground design recommendations** - CM shared the following feedback and preferences for the playground design:
 - Like all 3 vendor lines
 - Hope that the design will mix and match vendor lines (+)
 - Like the Landscape Structures zip line element
 - Like the height of Kompan cable climber, but would want to better understand fall risks with this element
 - Like the Playworld Apollo spinner (++)
 - Like the Playworld Branch Out design (+++)

- Like ADA accessibility design
- Like the Kompan Supernova spinner (++)
- Prefer to have unique play equipment not found in nearby playgrounds
- Top preference for Kompan equipment line (like that graffiti is easily removed); second preference Playworld; third preference for Landscape Structures
- Like IDS climbing element, especially idea of mountain range flipped on its axis as a climbing element
- Recognize that the school nearby will soon be a middle school and playground equipment should be suitable for this age group
- Like height to a playground (+++)
- Preference for a slide or slides (+++)
- Preference for swings (preference for 6 swings) (+++)
- Like zip line (+++); there is not a zip line in nearby area playgrounds
- Prefer a playground design that has traditional elements (swings, slides) then a more modern design that does not have those elements
- Like the climbing web designs
- Like music and sound producing equipment; has a social element; “let’s jam”
- Like Kompan with traditional elements mixed in
- Interested in the Playworld Super Branch Out design (++)
- Preference for the design to have an appeal/draw viewable from the roadway and those driving by; maybe this is height to the design or other aesthetic elements (++)

These preferences will be shared with the City’s landscape architect consultant for consideration in the playground design.

6. **Gerry Crick Skate Park design review** – Feser presented the proposed skate park design, which was a product of public process that included outreach to local schools, users of the skate park and a public interactive design webinar. A motion was made and approved to support the skate park design as presented.
7. **Develop recommendations for communications and interaction between the commission and City Council** – Parks and Recreation Director Ethan Newton introduced this agenda item. CM feedback on this item included the following:
 - The CM were agreeable to keeping the monthly report if it is valuable to the council. If not, perhaps the council could simply read the minutes from the commission meetings.
 - If the monthly reports are to continue and in consideration of the time commitment of the commissioner providing the report, the CM discussed that it would be preferable to have the monthly reports closer to the beginning of the meeting so they could excuse themselves after providing the report.
 - The CM are wanting some guidance to better align expectations from the council with the role, responsibilities and work of the commission.

STAFF REPORT

- No report.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- None.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethan Newton
Parks and Recreation Director