



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

April 20, 2016  
6:00 PM

Covington City Hall

CALL TO ORDER	Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.
ROLL CALL	Chair Laura Morrissey, Vice Chair Bryan Higgins, Conni Elliott, George Tomalik
EXCUSED	Lisa Knapton, Justin Reed, Troy McIntyre
UNEXCUSED	
CITY STAFF PRESENT	Ethan Newton
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	The Agenda was approved as submitted.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	The minutes for March were unanimously approved as submitted.
CITIZEN COMMENTS	NA

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Review Extended Agenda** – The CM reviewed the Extended Agenda and made changes to adjust the workload.
- 2. Introduction to Department Action Plan** – Ethan introduced the 2017-18 work plan to the CM. CM Higgins felt that we need to stay closely abreast of the CCP project in order to deliver a high visibility phase.
- 3. Plan for Joint Meeting with City Council** – Ethan is going to get direction about what we should include in the Joint Meeting. The CM brainstormed on some of the important topics they feel they should report on.

**STAFF REPORT**

- Aquatics— April Pools Day was well attended. Part-time program staff levels are low and impacting programs. The Covington Aquatic Center room addition bid documents are being finalized and will go to bid soon.
- Recreation and Special Events – Daddy Daughter Dance was well attended. Staff met with Timberlane HOA representatives about the possibility of utilizing the Timberlane clubhouse for recreation programs. Recreation staff are helping find host families for the Tatsuno student exchange program. The Expresit app will be utilized at this summer’s events as a tool for receiving real-time feedback.
- Skate Park – Staff met with the Arts commission to discuss public art at this site. Arrangements are being made for the removal of the existing skate board park equipment and the purchasing of the new equipment.
- SoCo Park – Parcel #1 is in the process of being purchased. A RCO grant will be submitted soon for the acquisition of parcels #2 and #3.
- Covington Community Park – Staff held a pre-application meeting with the architects. Staff met with the Arts Commission to discuss public art at this site. Parking continues to be a source of complaints at this site during programs and events.

- Arbor Day – Ethan, Angie, and Laura will be at Jenkins Creek Elementary on Friday for the program that we planned with them.
- Tri Cities Meeting – scheduled for Covington City Hall on May 4. There are 3 items for Parks and joint programming. Ethan and Greg Brown discussed some Parks topics in advance.
- The PRePAC continues to meet; they will be providing a report to the Commission in June.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Laura discussed impressions of the Maple Valley Park Bond. She encouraged the CM to have an awareness of community sentiment regarding funding for projects.

With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Connie Elliott*

Secretary, Parks and Recreation Commission