

COLUMBIA CITY PARK BOARD MINUTES OCTOBER 26, 2009

The Columbia City Park Board met in regular session with the following **members present:**

- President Michael Malcolm
- Secretary Dennis Warnick
- Kelley Sheiss
- Mauri Bordner
- Vice President Mark Ellis

After reviewing the minutes of the previous meeting, Kelley Sheiss made a motion to correct the name of Walker to Warnick on the adjournment of the meeting. Secretary Warnick seconds the motion of Sheiss to **amend the minutes and approve**. On call of the vote, all voted aye.

Superintendent Mark Green informed the Board **JFL** is now over and there was some interaction but on the whole, was very successful. Kelley Sheiss had several suggestions for next year's program.

Mark Green informed the Board he has closed all the restrooms in the park and he is currently working on the Christmas Lights. Mark also reminded the Board there is still water in the pool and that is so there will not be any freezing and cracking.

Mark informed the Board the **Veteran's Marathon and Half Marathon scheduled for November 14th** is now up to 260 participants and has grown nationally with some of the participants from other countries. Discussion followed.

Park Superintendent Mark Green informed the Board the **pavilion at Baker Park will be torn down** soon.

Superintendent Mark Green informed the Board there is a **5k race "Dashing Through the Snow"**. The money raised in this race will go towards the **expenses for the splash pad**.

Mayor Jim Fleck informed the Board on the **State Road 205 project**, the City is in the preliminary design phase and is still acquiring easements, therefore still working on the scope of costs. The City is thinking of installing a tunnel under SR 205 for access from the park to the library and/or the proposed hospital. This tunnel would ensure the safety of the pedestrians and give possibility for extension of the Blue River Greenway to the proposed hospital and beyond. The Mayor stated the bridge should be put in soon. Secretary Warnick questioned where the tunnel would be and the Mayor is not certain at this time. The Mayor stated the type of tunnel they are looking at will be portable and you push it in. Right now INDOT is doing a traffic study in this area. They are also looking at a traffic light at the entrance at Morsches Park. The City will need to go back to INDOT for additional funds as the project has been modified. The Mayor informed

the Board the library has begun their expansion of the parking lot and it might be advantageous for them to utilize some of the Little Turtle Woods property for overflow parking where the visitor can use the tunnel. Secretary Warnick suggested contacting SDI to see if they would donate the steel beams for the bridge that is needed for installation. This would be a huge savings for the City.

Superintendent Green informed the Board he has met with Schrader and received permission to use their property on the **first phase of the trail extension consisting of installing a bridge and extending the trail** to DeMoney & Grimes. Location of extension is north after going under US 30. Secretary Warnick reminded Mr. Green that permission is needed from the Corp of Engineers. Mayor Fleck advised the Board that an environmental impact study will need to be conducted also. Mayor Fleck stated the City is trying to secure an easement off a Towerview Dr., which will become Park property. The Board continued to discuss the SR 205 project, and the Mayor will attempt to keep the Board up to date on a monthly basis.

Mayor Fleck informed the Board an **appreciation dinner is being prepared for the landscapers** who volunteered their time this past year in keeping the parks looking great with proper landscaping, and is inviting the Board to attend as well.

As all business has been discussed, Secretary Warnick made a motion to dismiss, with a second from Sheiss. Meeting adjourned.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Martha Acres, Secretary to the Mayor.

Dennis Warnick
Park Board Secretary