



The MISSION of the City of Yankton is to provide exemplary experiences, services & spaces that create opportunities for everyone to learn, engage, and thrive.

AGENDA

YANKTON PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, November 21, 2022, 5:30 PM, in the Community Room

CMTEA Building, 1200 W. 21st Street

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Roll Call. Jason Tellus is board President.
- B. Consideration of July 18, 2022, minutes. (attachment)
- C. Public Appearances. Public appearance is a time for persons to address The Board on items not listed on the agenda.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2022 Capital projects update.

New play equipment will be installed in Westside Park and this is probably going to now be in spring of 2023. Current ship date for the new equipment is end of November.

The Yankton Territorial Museum removed buildings this past week. The caboose and remaining buildings will be moved late November. The area will be seeded in with grass.

The Westside improvements project has some items completed and others ongoing. The meditative garden, sun dial, and labyrinth project has been started with work ongoing.

An Eagle Scout Project to enhance the skate park is currently ongoing. A new piece of equipment (a pyramid) is being assembled and will sit next to the current ramps in the middle of the skate park. The spine ramp has been removed and will be rebuilt over the winter. The half-pipe was taken to RTEC and the training classes cut it down in height, by about 2 feet, and then welded the top ledge pieces back on. The half-pipe modification was a request from the skate park users and had been sought for the past decade.

All asphalt trails in Fantle Memorial Park have been replaced.

The Marne Creek trail project, through FEMA, was awarded at the November 14 City Commission meeting. A pre-construction meeting has not been set at this time.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Christmas lighting at Riverside Park by Optimists Club. The club has secured another grant and purchased some displays that will be placed to the west of the Capitol Building. The Optimists still plan to do the Santa Claus house in the Capitol on the weekends of December 3 & 4 and December 10 & 11. The Optimists want more lighting in Riverside Park in the years to come and this is a small start to that long-term vision.
- B. A citizen task force is being formed to examine the Summit Activities Center operations. This task force will make recommendations to the City Commission on future operations at the facility in regards to fitness, classes, programming, and membership ideas. The task force

idea came out of the public discussions when it was announced the SAC would stop fitness operations in 2023. The SAC has added quite a few fitness classes this fall. Hours of operation were adjusted for the winter to offer more hours on the weekends. Open swims are being offered during the week and on the weekends. Pickle ball courts have been taped down on one of the auxiliary gym courts and hours for pickle ball are being offered in the mornings at the facility for the first time this winter. The facility has been doing a lot of marketing through Facebook as we try to build a solid membership base this winter season.

- C. The holiday festival of lights and parade will take place on Thursday, December 1. Luke Youmans has been working with downtown businesses for parade activities, from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, that will entertain families prior to the parade at 6:00pm. The lighting of the Christmas Tree by the Meridian Bridge will take place at 7:00pm and then fireworks will be shot from the top level of the Meridian Bridge.
- D. A citizens committee is being formed to help plan for the Meridian Bridge's 100th birthday in 2024. Names are currently being collected from people who are interested in serving on the committee. It will have its first meeting in January or February of 2023. The birthday would occur in October of 2024.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. General discussion items.

- Commission Information Memorandums. (6 CIM attachments for previous four months)
- Other completed work projects for the department are noted in the CIMs.
- Next Meeting Monday, January 17, 2023.

V. ADJOURN

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