

Active Lifestyles and Community Wellness Council  
June 23, 2016 Meeting Minutes (draft)

I. Roll Call

Present:

Council Members Ron Harpel, Emily Russell, Lynette Buffington, Steve Wells, Will Niemann-Ross, Meagan Kula, Jane Moore and William Privett.

Staff: Commissioner Reid, Bob Houston, Joey Furuto, Joe Brady, Kristi Evans

II. Review and Acceptance of Previous Minutes

The minutes for the May, 2016 meeting were reviewed and accepted with one correction to the list of Members present.

III. Program and Facilities Updates

A. 55 runners joined the first Summer run. July 7 is the baseball event at Cheney Stadium. In September the new fields at SERA will provide 16 soccer pitches and allow for flag football.

B. The City has added \$400K to the project budget for Prairie Line Trail. A public meeting on the trail will be July 21 at the State History Museum.

C. MPT is considering ways to conserve water use. After identifying criteria for selecting alternative procedures, public messaging will introduce the new procedures.

D. Construction updates included that People's Pool will open in September and Garfield Park will be shut down in August for three weeks in order to make drainage improvements.

E. Commissioner Reid explained the importance of the Mission-Led Comprehensive Plan, which has had its first reading. The second reading will happen Monday. He asked the Council to monitor the success of the agency in meeting requirements and, if these are not being met, to suggest why.

IV. Safe Routes to Parks

A. Joe Brady reported on steps being taken to integrate MPTs interest in Safe Routes to Parks with the City and School District program for Safe Routes to Schools. Joe pointed out the high priority given to trails by the public, as documented in recent survey. Building partnerships with other agencies is critical to meeting the demand for a safe trail system. A major challenge will be finding capital funds sufficient to do it right. Joe said that momentum is building for coordinated action, and many agencies have a role to play. Discussion included Commissioner Reed asking if the utilities can help with lighting major trails during the dark months, and Council members being concerned for haphazard sidewalk connections and the City's policy of reliance on property owners for sidewalk construction and maintenance. We learned that the City does not have a sidewalk data layer on their GIS.

B. Joe explained that next steps include mapping trail safety opportunities, setting priorities, and addressing concerns for funding trail maintenance.

V. Wright Park Conservatory

A. Kristi Evans gave a detailed, illustrated description of the plan for restoring the historic Conservatory building and expanding it to better serve the public. Identified needs include addition of public restrooms, moving the gift shop from the historic structure, upgrading mechanicals, and creating more display and event space. There are two master plans guiding this work; the plan for Wright Park and a plan specific to the Conservatory. The current project emphasizes the desire to preserve sight lines from the Conservatory into the park. Four options were developed for public comment. Feedback highlighted the desire to reduce the size and scale of the options for the new facility, and the revised plan accomplishes that while doubling the square footage of the historic structure.

B. 100% schematics will be shown to the public in July along with cost estimates and a phasing plan.

VI. Good of the Order

A. Concern was expressed about possible wildfire at Point Defiance Park and if existing fire hydrants

are easily located and fully operational. We learned that all hydrants are identified in a GIS layer used by the Fire Department, and they are operational.

B. Next Meeting: Thursday July 28 at 6:30 in Main Conference Rm.

## VII. Adjournment