



Stanley White Recreation Center Advisory Committee

City Hall Courtroom
300 Pollock Street
Minutes: July 21, 2020

Leander Morgan, Jr.	Absent
Talina Massey	Present
Kandi Midgette-Ward	Absent
James Woods	Present
Bernard White	Present
Reginald Pender	Present
Elijah Brown	Present
Barbara Lee	Present (<i>Arrived 6:30pm</i>)
Alderwomen Jameesha Harris	Present
Foster Hughes, <i>Director of Parks & Recreation</i>	Present

1. Welcome – Meeting called to order by Foster Hughes at 6:00 pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Responsibilities of the Committee

- City Attorney Scott Davis –
 - Regular meeting schedule: once a month, gather input on date and time, place (City Hall). Staff will find out when City Hall is available, and Foster will send an email to the members to get more input on day and time.
 - Public meeting has to meet in public. You can vote to let public speak.
 - Need 6 members to have an official meeting. This committee does not require a lot of voting. It is designed to help staff with decisions.
 - Documents are public records. Emails are included. If emails include/discuss Stanley White, it is a public record.
 - Responsibilities of committee: primary objectives:
 - Facilitate community engagement in the design and development of the new Stanley White Recreation Center and its integration with D.E. Henderson Park.

- Recommend recreation center services and programming for the new Stanley White Recreation Center and D.E. Henderson Park.
- Serve as a liaison between the City and the citizens of the community regarding the design and development of the new Stanley White Recreation Center and its integration with D.E. Henderson Park.
- Recommend and promote alternative funding sources for enhancements to the Stanley White Recreation Center campus and D.E. Henderson Park.
- Help with funding for park/recreation center as a whole.
- Help to translate information to public.

2. General Discussion

- A request was made to have a prayer at the start of each meeting.
- James Woods – Requested clarification on funding for the project. This information was included in the agenda packet.
- If Stanley White Recreation Center is moved, 3rd Avenue would be the proposed location for the new facility. The City has applied for a change of SCOPE to move the facility and is currently going through that process.
- Bernard White - Moving Stanley White will lose historic status, but if it were in the same spot it would have the historic status.
- Foster Hughes - FEMA funds are in place to replace the restrooms at Henderson Park. Placement and construction of restrooms will be determined once a decision is made on location of Stanley White Recreation Center.
- James Woods – Build back better – If we rebuild in the same location, it will not be better, just higher. If it is moved, the building could be bigger and better to serve the needs of the community for the future.
- Henderson Park will always be a public park. The property cannot be sold. Previous grants received for park amenities protect the property.
- With various funding opportunities, the goal is to refresh Henderson Park. Part of the public input process is to gather information from citizens on use and amenities.
- Consultants from CPL will be at the next meeting to discuss the public input process for rebuilding the Stanley White Recreation Center.

3. Closing Comments

- Establish schedule of regular meetings and send out email
- Establish meeting schedule

Motion to Adjourn at 6:57 pm by James Woods. Second by Bernard White. Approved.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Jennifer Emens