

FAIRBURY PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

MINUTES

March 16th, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Member Rogge made the statement regarding the Open Meetings Act as required by statute.

1. Member Phil Rogge called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked for roll call. Other members present were: Kelly Davis and Tim Polson.

2. Next, was the motion to convene.

Member Davis made the motion to convene. Member Polson seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 3 - "yes" (Rogge, Davis and Polson) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

3. Next, was the approval of the February 16th, 2021, minutes. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Member Davis made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 16th, 2021, meeting. Member Polson seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 3 - "yes" (Rogge, Davis and Polson) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

4. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding removal of the crosswalk and signage at 9th and E Street. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action .

Bedlan referred the commission to the information in the packet. She stated that at the last meeting the board requested that staff check with the school on their opinion of the need for the crosswalk at the intersection of 8th and H along with the need for the existing one at 9th and E. She referred the commission to the informative e-mail sent to Administrator Renn in their packets and stated that the school administrators recollection of the reasoning behind the location of the crosswalks was the same as what was discussed at the commissions last meeting and the school administrator also recommends removing the crosswalk at 9th and E. Polson made the motion to recommend council approve the resolution to remove the crosswalk at 9th and E Street. Member Davis seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 3 - "yes" (Rogge, Davis and Polson) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed.

5. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding a request to install a memorial bench at Crystal Springs Park. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action

Bedlan explained that a resident requested the installation of a memorial bench and tree at Crystal Springs Park to commemorate her husband. Bedlan stated that she has discussed the requested location with the water department who maintains Crystal Springs and they are ok with the proposal. She also noted that the resident is paying for the bench with inscription, concrete pad and a shade tree that is recommended by the arboretum. The commission agreed that this is a very nice addition to the park. Davis made the motion to approve the request to install a memorial bench and tree at Crystal Spring Park. Member Polson seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 3 - "yes" (Rogge, Davis and Polson) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed

6. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding a request from the Fairbury City Museum to install a veteran's memorial in the City Park. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Member Schmidt arrived at the meeting at 6:37 pm

Mr. Suey was present and spoke on behalf of the museum board stating that the museum would like to

install a veterans memorial directly south of the Quinn Field in the City park. He described the design stating that it will be 30' in diameter with benches around outside and a statue in the middle designed and built by Thom Hunt. He also mentioned the need for electric to ground lights and possibly a kiosk listing Jefferson county veterans in the future. Bedlan stated that she has talked to the parks and utility staff and they do not know of any conflicts at this location as long as the memorial is placed far enough off of the road to allow room for a potential future sidewalk. Suey stated that they are planning to complete this project in 2022 and expect to be fully funded by donations. The commission liked the proposal noting that it would be a very nice addition to the park. Member Polson made the motion to approve the installation of the proposed veterans memorial in the City park. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Rogge, Schmidt, Davis and Polson) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed

7. Next, was discussion and recommendation regarding a request from Grace Lutheran Youth group to close Park Dr and the south leg of South Circle Dr. from the west entrance of McNish Park to the Southeast entrance of McNish Park, Sunday the 28th of March from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a Drive through Journey to the Cross. Discussion, taking of any necessary or desired action.

Heidi Layton and Amy Nippert spoke on behalf of Grace Lutheran youth group. They stated that this event will be done the same as the Christmas event in McNish park and that this one will also be a drive through event focused on the journey to the cross. It will involve a radio broadcast, actors at stations, animals and a small gift at the end. The commission stated that it was a good event last time and that there were no complaints. Member Polson made the motion to recommend council approve the request from Grace Lutheran Youth group to close Park Dr and the south leg of South Circle Dr. from the west entrance of McNish Park to the Southeast entrance of McNish Park, Sunday the 28th of March from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a Drive through Journey to the Cross. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Rogge, Schmidt, Davis and Polson) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed

8. Next, were public comments on non-agenda items

With no comments from the public on non-agenda items member Polson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. By roll call, the vote was 4 - "yes" (Rogge, Davis, Polson, and Schmidt) / 0 - "nay". The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.