

Athens Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes

Athens City Council Chambers

- I. **Call to Order:** Established Quorum, Megan Russell
 - In attendance: Megan Russell (Chair), Anne L'Heureux, Stuart Goldsberry (Secretary), Katherine Anne Jordan (Rec. Director), John Leite
- II. **Establish Quorum:** 5:31 – established by Megan Russell
- III. **Additions to the Agenda:** N/A
 - Approved by Stuart Goldsberry – second by Anne L'Heureux
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:**
 - Moved by Anne L'Heureux – second by John Leite
- V. **New business:**
 - Facebook feedback – letting know the gate is broken at Richland Ave. Park – new gates enter/exit to help keep kids in – they are fixing and moving inward, away from the road.
 - Joint Meeting – AMAC – Megan – they meet second Wednesday of each month – second Wednesday in May? – having Katherine Anne reach out.
- VI. **Continuing business:**
 - New Board Members – List is going on to the mayor for review – Steve Patterson makes the final decision.
- VII. **APR Staff Report Updates:** (Report from Katherine Ann (KA))

Projects updates

- **25th Anniversary Sculpture in front of the community center**
 1. We have selected an artist, Ellen Gagliano, and have been working with them on the final details of the sculpture – some kind of owl.
- **Brick engraving update** – Miller Monument Engraving – Logan Brick – was \$50/brick
- **West State Street Park**
 1. New Restrooms - received state approved plans
 2. Crosley/WCG Parking area – create a gravel parking area for the westside gardeners, as well as park users.
- **Community Center**

1. Replaced basketball hoop motors, winches, cables in front of half of gym.
 2. Waiting on proposals to renovate offices in community center, adding 2 enclosed office spaces.
 3. Meeting with Carpet One Floor and More to discuss replacing flooring in childcare rooms and conference room.
 4. Enovate one of our janitor closets into a single user/family restroom.
- **Skatepark** – on hold

Department Happenings

- **Strategic Plan**
 1. Mission met to develop a 3yr strategic plan – will be on track to launch our plan in mid-May.
- **Special Events**
 1. Planning Concerts in the Park
- **Programming**
 1. Drop-in Childcare – may drop several options since not being utilized.
- **Arts**
 1. Taste of Athens Gallery – call for submissions is still open through April 14th, 6 submissions so far.
- **Parks**
 1. AED's delivered, need to secure cabinets and install.
 2. Water fountains will be installed when able – water fountain by community center playground and water fountain in dog park at West State Street Park.
 3. Sport fields have been prepped for spring sports.
- **Pool**
 1. Pool Opens Saturday of Memorial Day weekend
 - Will open that Friday for season pass holders and to buy passes
 2. Sensory swim time coming back – Sunday mornings at 11 am.
 3. All applications are closed

VIII. **Next Meeting:** April 17, 2025 @ 5:30 pm

- Motion to adjourn – Stuart Goldsberry
- Second – John Leite