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I. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
   Scott D. Moore, Mayor

II. ROLL CALL
   Laura M. Pierce, City Clerk

III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
   A. Park Project Priority Discussion

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

VI. ADJOURN

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MEMORANDUM
Department of Public Services

DATE:   September 10, 2014
TO:   Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager
FROM:  Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services
SUBJECT:  Park Project Priority Documents

At the Parks and Recreation Board meeting of September 9, 2014 the following list of park priority items was created by the Parks and Recreation Board for purposes of the joint workshop session with the City Commission on September 15, 2014. They are listed in no particular order.

Improvements to recreational assets:

- Manor Park – Evaluate and consider alternate entrance location to relieve neighborhood impacts and increase usage.
- Poppleton Park – Evaluate additional parking options and alternate entrance to relieve neighborhood impacts and accommodate baseball/soccer users.
- St. James – Field improvements for baseball/soccer users.
- Adams Park – Site improvements in consultation with Roeper School and neighborhood groups.
- Linn Smith/Linden Park – Consideration of linking bridge.
- Soccer Sites - Review all park spaces for opportunity for field improvements and to create additional field space.
- Trail Improvements – Review and consider existing master plan options.
- Universally Accessible Playground – Inclusive equipment and surface.

Working with donor community partners:

- Booth Park - Consideration of Phase 3 corner plaza development.
- Bamum Park – Consideration of remaining plan elements.
- Kenning Park – Consideration of next phase review including walking path addition.
Other issues:

- Improve enforcement of park rules - off leash dogs and dog waste.

- Mechanisms to enhance advertising and marketing efforts for all parks/properties – increase awareness.
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### Schedule of Proposed Capital Improvements (‘12 - ‘16)

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City of Birmingham Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Workshop Summary – February 15, 2011

Approximately 37 people attended a Public Workshop held to discuss and gather input for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for Birmingham. Connie Folk, Recreation Coordinator, opened the meeting, welcomed everyone, and thanked them for their attendance. Connie indicated the City is working on a new 5-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan and are looking for input to use to develop an action plan for the next 5 years.

Leah Groya, Wade Trim, reviewed the agenda and discussed the goals for the meeting. Leah briefly reviewed the Master Planning process and timeline the City is undertaking. Leah described why the City was developing the 5-year plan as well as the MDNR guidelines and what the plan will include. The room was set up with attendees around one of five tables. Each group was asked to brainstorm their desires and concerns for the next 5 years. After 30 minutes, each group reported back to the large group. The ideas were noted on flip chart sheets and put around the room. At the end of the meeting, attendees were given 3 sticker dots and were asked to place them next to the items they felt should be highest priority.

All of the ideas are documented on the following pages. Where ideas were similar, they were combined into one entry. The number in the parenthesis indicates the number of votes (sticker dots) that were placed next to each item. Comments were categorized as either related to a facility, maintenance, coordination, program or other.

Facilities

- Kenning Park Master Plan (10)
  - Lighting
  - Trail
  - Playground
  - Water
  - Restrooms
  - Picnic/Shelter
  - Signage
  - Baseball vs. Tennis
  - Parking
- Adams Park Master Plan (9)
  - Need Formal Plan
  - Visual Barrier
  - Playground
  - Soccer Goals
  - Tennis
- Develop Continuous Trail System (5)
- Barnum Park Improvements (4)
  - Soccer Field improvements
  - Restrooms
  - Ice Skating
- Lynn Smith Bridge over Rouge (4)
- Add Platform Tennis ($50k each- metal platform- big table tennis paddles) (4)
- Trees/Landscaping at all parks (3)
- Plaza at Booth Park (2)
- Master Plan for Golf Courses (2)
- Maple Area Bridge Over Rouge (1)
- Booth Park Amphitheater (1)
- Basketball at Kenning/Poppleton (1)
- Jogging Paths (1)
• Dog Park #2 (1)
• Restrooms at Park (1)
• Pembroke Park
  o Electrical
  o Movies
  o Gazebo (1)
  o Repairs
• Trail on property next to Greenwood Cemetery (1)
• Allen House Trail Connection
• Pavilions at parks
• Manor Park Underutilized/Add Trail or Track
• Outdoor Basketball Courts
• Tennis Back Boards
• Lincoln Park Winter Sports
• New Tennis Bubble
• Expand Greenwood Cemetery
• Install Emergency call buttons at parks
• Porta-johns

Maintenance
• All parks need field improvements (5)
  o Grading & drainage
• Fence repairs

Coordination
• Plan for Art/Sculpture at parks (5)
• Partner for grants & outside funding – how to package – what are the tipping points? How much matching funds are needed? (1)
• Public/Private Partnerships and programs need to be easier to facilitate and accommodate – Kenning, etc. (1)
• Coordinate w/Schools regarding Tennis Courts, Athletic Facilities, etc
• Planning Board should review all proposals
• Coordinate with Arts Board regarding public art at parks. Coordinate location, lights to illuminate, sprinkler locations, etc.
• Partnerships, Partnerships – funding
Programs
- Shakespeare in Park at Booth (5)
  - Involve Schools, Library, Residents, Community House
- Children's activity programs at select parks (2)
- Winter Activities at all parks (1)
- Art Programs/SNAP
- Teen Programming - summer, relevant, supervision, hours extended

Other
- Maintain open space – grass is good (4)
- More Trees and Landscaping (4)
- Funding, funding, funding is key to everything (2)
- Electricity (2)
- Funds without raising taxes (1)
- Limit permitted length of dog leashes at parks (1)
- Open Space is good – not everything needs facilities/developed
- No Lights at Night
- Lights at Night
- Change rule that limits number of Dogs at park
- Sell Names of Parks for Funds
- Parking Challenging at Booth Park
- Use resident experts for Ecology Overlay at all parks (1)
- Love outdoor ice skating at Barnum
- Rental policies need posted and better communicated
- Scheduling of Little Leagues – Birmingham resident teams should have 1st pick
- Events at Golf Courses – leasing, revenue generator
- Safety/Security at parks
- Look at Golf Courses closer – financial impacts. Do we need two? Use one for other uses?
- Signage