**City of White House**

**Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Department**

**Leisure Services Board Meeting**

**April 1st, 2024**

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Jim Varellie.

1. Present were Jim Varellie, Maureen Boling Jana Spicer, Morgan Holloway, Carlos Payne, Gerald Herman, Kevin Whittaker, Selena Clouse, Steven Russell and Linda Brooks. Absent: Mark Smith
2. A motion was made by Morgan and seconded by Jana to adopt the agenda. Vote: all in favor / none opposed.
3. New Business
4. Recommendation for Final Master Plan – Kevin introduced Alisha with Kimley Horn. She gave a brief description of the Master Plan and asked if there were any questions or concerns.

Morgan stated that she felt this was just a piece of the pie not the whole pie. This is only part of the actual plan. It doesn’t show how to implement everything. Kevin replied that they were not asked to do that for this Master Plan. This was meant to be more high-level and if more specifics are needed then a Master Plan for certain parks and facilities (like what was done for Byrum Park) or feasibility studies should be done. The idea to do this plan was spurred by TDEC requiring it for grants. So, the main focus of this plan was to meet those requirements set out by TDEC. Jana stated that a lot of money was spent on this study and Aquatics was the top priority according to the survey and it is not listed in the future plans. This was not what was expected. Jerry stated that Byrum Park could be a possibility for an aquatics center but he sees these kinds of plans all the time and they are usually high-level like this one. He added that we could possibly talk to the city engineer about adding it to Byrum Park or doing a feasibility study at a later date for the top priorities mentioned. Jana and Morgan stated we might want to work more with local businesses for sponsorships or start a “Friends of the Park.” Jana mentioned that Impact Fees have been raised to help with projects.

Kevin stated that we would address Pickle Ball at our next meeting and figure how to accommodate it.

Jana made a motion to send the Recommendation for Final Master Plan Acceptance to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and Morgan seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor / none opposed.

1. Maureen Made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Morgan seconded the motion. Vote: all in favor / none opposed.

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Chairman