POA Recreation Joint Advisory Committee
October 12, 2020

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Board Liaisons: Jerold Hover, Teah Bidwell, Mary Sinkus, David Brandenburg
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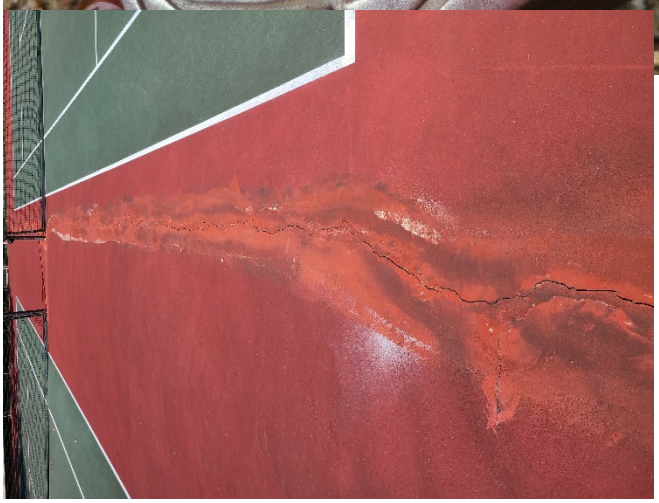
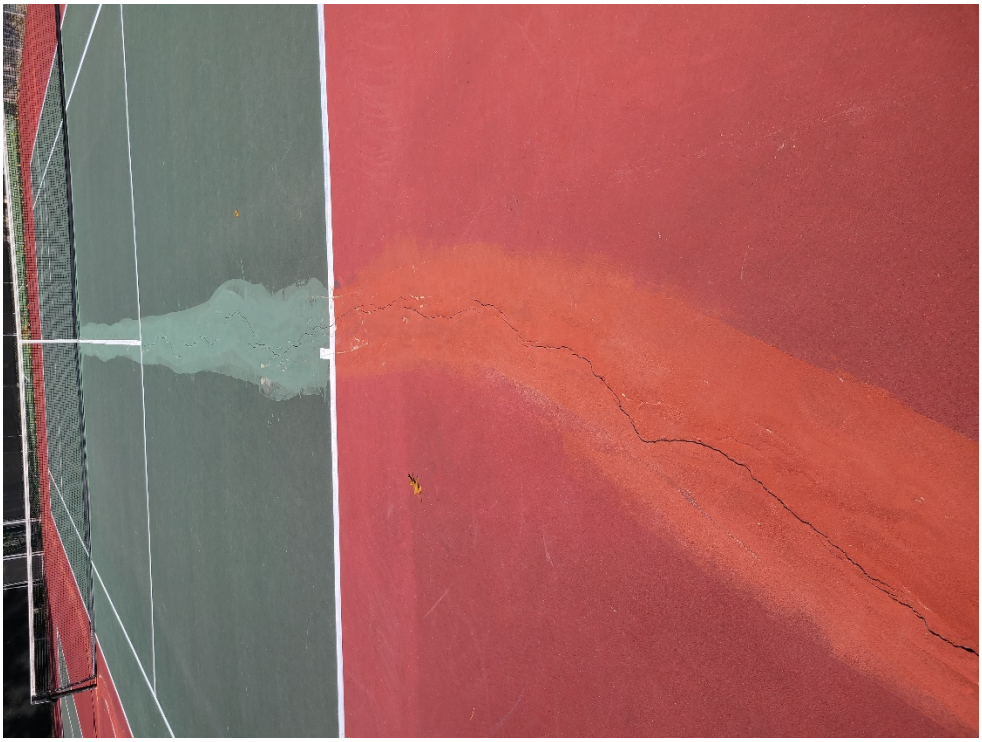
Amenity Reports:

Amenity: **Riordan Hall**
Committee Member: Scott Dreas
Review Month/Date: October 2020

Overall Condition:	Overall condition is good. The space in the main auditorium of Riordan Hall has been reworked to accommodate the fitness classes. Some of the exercise equipment has been relocated to other areas in the building while still following social distancing guidelines for workout equipment. The outdoor pool has closed for the season. The Pavilion looked good and clean and all tables appeared to be in good order. Walked around the playground and made the following observations: the sitting bench by the swings has several bolt heads sticking up above the wood which could catch on clothing or other objects. The wood itself appears to be very weathered and needs refinished or replaced. One of the plastic climbing stumps in the playground is broken and should be fixed or replaced. One trash can lid is broken and needs to be replaced. The handrails on the walking/bike path are badly worn and in need of refinishing or replacement. There is a drain pipe exposed in the playground which poses a trip hazard. The light switch sensor in the men's restroom by the pavilion is not working. The switch has to be manually turned on and off. Tennis courts 3 & 4 have some very bad cracks. This looks to be known as they appear to have been patched and painted over. (Pictures attached)
Areas for Review:	Riordan Hall, tennis complex, pool, miniature golf course, playground, and Kingsdale Pavilion
Member Interactions:	None at this time
Additional Observations:	None at this time





Amenity: **Gun Ranges**
Committee Member: Gary Griffin
Review Month/Date: 10/10/2020

Overall Condition:	Trap & Skeet – excellent shape. The ranges are clean, and well maintained. Carrol indicated that they are pretty busy and "all is well". Pistol & Rifle Ranges – looking good. Ranges are clean and well maintained. A new plexiglass divider was installed for safety purposes. The ranges have been busy throughout the week. On the day I visited, the rifle range was full.
Areas for Review:	None
Member Interactions:	None. No reason to bother people taking target practice.
Additional Observations:	The rifle and pistol range have installed a picnic tables for those waiting to shoot. The space has been graded and timbers set as a retaining wall. BBQ installed as well. Looks great!

Amenity: **London Park**
Committee Member: Chris Stockman
Review Month/Date: October 2020

Overall Condition:
Good condition overall. Everything looks very good.

Areas for Review: None

Member Interactions: I talked to the couple that were kayaking and they would like to see accommodations to make it easier to get their boats in and out of the lake easier. They said so many people kayak that it should be done.

Additional Observations: On Friday evening three boat trailers were in the lot and a couple were landing their kayaks.

Amenity: **Loch Lomond Complex**
Committee Member: Scottie Smith

Observations: visited the park during the week in the morning for about 1.5 hours. There were approximately 20 people there, some walking dogs and some walking trails. Overall amenity is in good shape, bathrooms were clean and mowing was done. The scrap metal next to the ball-field was still there and continues to pose a danger to any kids that play there. The utility shed is still unlocked with all the gear inside. The sprinklers were on the baseball field the entire 1.5 hours we were there and the sprinkler control box was open so I called Parks POC and Left message to verify that sprinklers were supposed to be on and to ensure they were aware they were still going.

Amenity: **RV Storage & Lake Ann Park**
Committee Member: Jackie Gain
Review Month/Date: September 2020 – report date 10/12/20

Overall Condition:	Good
Areas for Review:	BBB Septic port-a-johns excellent. City contracted one at trailhead is still hit & miss, but better than it was.
Member Interactions:	Flytyer club was meeting at the pavilion – good generic conversation. They rotate meeting locations. Suggested establishing parking so that more cars can remain off of the grass but closer to the picnic area.
Additional Observations:	Carroll Electric is clearing power line alleys so currently experiencing heavy equipment storage at Lake Ann park and usage along nearby roads.

Amenity: **Tiree Park**
Committee Member: Denise Klinger
Review Month/Date: October 2020

Overall Condition:	Visit 1 – Very Good. Grass was mowed and trimmed, restrooms were clean and well maintained. No visible trash anywhere. Pavilion in good shape.
Areas for Review:	Pavilion, rest rooms, lawn, playground, parking lots
Member Interactions:	Visit 1 – None. People were getting in car and leaving as we arrived and there were 4 trucks and trailers near the boat ramp but no people
Additional Observations:	Visit 1 – Porta potty in fair condition, very smelly but no trash inside. Would like to be able to ask people what other amenities they would like there, but haven't had a chance! Looks like trash can bottoms have been replaced, thank you.

Amenity Report: **RV Park and Blowing Springs Park**
Committee Member: Val Courter

Overall Condition: Lots of campers, tent campers, bikers. Noticed four new electrical hook ups. Sodded along the bike trail; water fountain drinking mechanism doesn't work but bottle set up does.

Member Interactions: Did talk with some who indicated that they would really like to be able to book online since it is very difficult to connect with the reservations office. Otherwise, all is great; their dogs even love it.

Additional Observations: none

Amenity Report: **Tanyard Creek Park**
Committee Member: Janet Conboy

Overall Condition: Good
Areas for Review: Men's restroom was decent, had some trash and water splashed around; Women's restroom was ok except the seat was very dirty, with some smell. The path behind the restrooms to the practice center has two deep holes (possible where signs or rails were once posted) which are dangerous. Otherwise, the park and trails were good.

Member Interactions: About 50 people were using the trails and pavilion. Most were out-of-towners attracted by Google searches and listing on All Trails (cell phone app): Tulsa, Dallas, Fort Worth, Kansas City, Fayetteville. They were attracted to the trail since it is kid-regency. A person in a wheelchair waiting for his kids to return from the trial wondered about making some of the trails more accessible. A couple from TX inquired about a Tanyard Creek Park trail brochure or map.

Additional Observations: Lots of pets, some wading in the water. Is it possible to have doggie waste disposal several places along the trails.

Amenity Report: **Lake Avalon Park and Dam**
Committee Member: Janet Conboy

Overall Conditions: Good, generally free of trash and debris. About 35 people using pavilion for an interstate family reunion and birthday party, making use of activity areas, especially sand volleyball and disk golf.
Areas for Review: Portapotties at the Dam and Park really need an end of season cleaning.

Member interactions: Dam used by three people, two fishing and one floating on paddle Board. All indicated that visits were occasional and enjoyable.

2021 Proposed Budget Projects Readout

Main issue was continued discussion of mini-golf at Riordan and Metcalf. While Recreation staff indicated that only Metfield get significant use, Scottie reported that a lively discussion on Facebook focused on keeping both viable. Option offered to fund the courses over two years, much like the pickleball courts had been for 2020-2021.

New Business:

Items mentioned for discussion at November meeting were trail maps/brochures and uses of Berksdale land adjacent to Allen's.

POA Staff Reports:

Rick Echols (Lakes, Parks, and Fisheries):

- Transition Lake Ranger hours from summer to winter with reduction from 8 rangers to four
- Stocked Loch Lomond, Windsor and Ann with catfish and will be stocking grass carp as well
- Including rebuilding small dog park in the LPF budget for 2021
- Hired engineer to certify safety of swinging bridge at Tanyard Creek, including capacity, maintenance, etc

John Urquhart (Gun Range)

- Ranges very busy with 80% increase in September over same period in 2019
- Expanding capacity by pouring concrete for benches, etc
- Doubled the number of gun classes from last year; all are full
- Rebuilding the house for trap and skeet

Joan Glubczynski (Recreation)

- Working on reductions in operation budget to accommodate more capital improvements in 2021
- Staff working on a Not So Haunted House Drive Through event, requiring limiting tent camping for that time
- Marina closes on October 18
- Moving exercise equipment in order to allow more space for classes than was available in the smaller rooms
- Branchwood water fitness classes returning: 10 classes, 64 slots
- Camping has been at 90-95% occupancy even with limitations in craft festivals etc.
- Building a storage unit at the Avalon Beach due to needing more space for kayak rentals
- Trail work continues along the Little Sugar, adding signage, sod and other little projects; Razorback extension/connector is progressing nicely

Next Committee Meeting is November 9, 2020, 4:00 pm in person and by Zoom Bella Vista POA Boardroom