

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2022 6PM
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
2nd committee meeting

Committee Members present: Frank Allgood (Chair), and Michael Reynolds. Councilman Matney was not present due to a work conflict.

Others present: Recreation Director Bart Cumalander, Community Development Director J.R. Charles, and Interim Administrator Rebecca Vance

1. Call to Order- Chairman Allgood
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Recreation Committee Meeting: August 1, 2022

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes with Chairman Allgood seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (2-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
 - a. Recreation Director Bart Cumalander
 - i. Budget Review- The budget looks good.

Mr. Cumalander said the fencing bid for Sunset Park has been sent out. The Senior Center parking lot is being shut down in the afternoon with a staff member at the gate. Mauldin High School students and parents are using the Senior Center parking lot and students are going to the park and damaging equipment.

The Sports Center will be closed Monday and Tuesday of next week for HVAC installation.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business
 - a. Bridgeway Station Connection

The Community Development Department reached out to UIG to ask if they would provide engineering information/studies related to their original bid for the construction of the Mauldin Trail and the Bridgeway Station Pedestrian Bridge for the final portion of construction of the Mauldin Trail. This construction project will create a completed trail between East Butler Road and the Bridgeway Station Pedestrian Bridge

UIG created a preliminary design of a trail based on an as-built study provided by AECOM.

The proposal includes all design and construction based on the 2020 RFP originally issued by the City. UIG's plan will include both the engineering design and construction in a single proposal. The proposal will be ADA compliant; it will exclude any signage/pavement markings since UIG does not know what is already constructed on the trail.

UIG would use the existing dirt at the site to create a smooth topography. This will prevent any trucking in of material to fill uneven terrain, as well as minimize the disposal of any materials offsite.

UIG proposes that it will cut approximately 250 feet of existing trail in order to fill in the remaining 250 feet of required trail to make the connection to the Bridgeway Station Pedestrian Bridge.

The proposed start date of the project is October 2022, but this timeframe is dependent on how UIG's other projects progress. The design estimate is \$30,000. The construction estimate is \$201,500. The total cost of the total proposal of \$231,500.

Chairman Allgood asked how we could pay for this. Interim Administrator Vance answered there is some discussion on surplus revenues from the 2022 budget. Ms. Vance stated the City would need to work with Phil Hughes to amend the reimbursement agreement. He is amenable to that.

A change order with Cely Construction was discussed last month, but this option seems to be the easiest way to handle it. Councilman Reynolds said he is more comfortable having a real number and this option seems to be the most shovel ready.

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to send this to Council with a recommendation to accept UIG's proposal with a not to exceed cost of \$232,000. Chairman Allgood seconded.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (2-0).

b. Gilder Creek Trail

A Gilder Creek Multi-Use Trail Feasibility Study performed by Davis & Floyd for the City of Mauldin. The trail will be located between East Butler Road and Corn Road. This study estimated that the project would cost \$890,426. No funding for this project was budgeted in the FY 2023 budget.

The City applied for and received a SCPRT Recreation Trails Program Grant for \$66,000.89 for the Gilder Creek Trail project and has until April of 2024 to complete the project. This project may be affected by the SCDOT improvements to East Butler Road.

After speaking with SCPRT, staff finds that there are three potential options for how to proceed with the Gilder Creek Trail project.

The options are as follows:

1. Not accept grant funding for this project at this time
2. Accept grant funding and complete full project by budgeting for the project in the FY 2024 budget.

3. Accept grant funding and construct trail with alternative trail surface and/or route and in-kind work to reduce costs within grant funding. SCPRT is amenable to this idea, but the proposed work would need to be approved by them before construction.

Motion: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to send this item to Council for discussion. Chairman Allgood seconded the motion.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (2-0).

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairman Allgood adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk