



RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023

6th committee meeting

The Committee will meet in Mauldin City Hall at 5 East Butler Road in the Council Chambers

The meeting will be available remotely through Zoom. Please visit the City's website at <https://cityofmauldin.org/your-government/meeting-minutes-agendas/> to access the meeting via audio and videoconferencing.
A quorum of Council will be present.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
AUGUST 7, 2023
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD**

Committee Members: Frank Allgood (Chair), Taft Matney, and Michael Reynolds

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| 1. <u>Call to Order</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| 2. <u>Public Comment</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| 3. <u>Reading and Approval of Minutes</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| a. Recreation Committee Meeting: July 3, 2023
[Pages 3-4] | |
| 4. <u>Reports or Communications from City Officers</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| a. Recreation Director Bart Cumalander | |
| i. Budget Review | |
| 5. <u>Unfinished Business</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| There is no unfinished business. | |
| 6. <u>New Business</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| a. Discussion on Naming of Pedestrian Bridge [Pages 5-6] | |
| 7. <u>Public Comment</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| 8. <u>Committee Concerns</u> | Chairman Allgood |
| 9. <u>Adjournment</u> | |

MINUTES
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 3, 2023
CITY HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5 E. BUTLER ROAD
1st committee meeting

Committee Members present: Frank Allgood (Chair), Taft Matney, and Michael Reynolds
Others present: Recreation Director Bart Cumalander and City Administrator Seth Duncan

1. Call to Order- Chairman Allgood

2. Public Comment- None

3. Reading and Approval of Minutes

a. Recreation Committee Meeting: May 1, 2023

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

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers

a. Recreation Director Bart Cumalander

i. Budget Review

Youth sports are wrapping up. Football starts at the end of July. The numbers are down in football.

The Sports Center is fully staffed. Applications for the Senior Center Administrator position will be received.

Councilman Matney asked Mr. Cumalander if he knew why the sign-up numbers for football are going down. Mr. Cumalander said part of it is Covid, part of it could be the bad press about head injuries, and the Recreation Department offers more sports now than it used to.

Chairman Allgood asked if the Senior Center would have to cancel any of its programs. Mr. Cumalander answered no.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

- a. Discussion on Cultural Center Park Designation- The playground and shelter at the Cultural Center is not currently designated a park. The City ordinance has a list of rules for parks, and this area has not previously been designated a park because of the no alcohol in parks provision. The City allows alcohol in certain areas at its outside festivals, which are held on the cultural center grounds, but does not allow it in parks.

Councilman Matney said it is not quite as simple as changing one line in the park rules to allow alcohol at City sponsored events. The facility is also rented out for private events that could include the amphitheater and cultural center grounds where alcohol would also be allowed.

Staff will work on some language and a map and bring it back to committee for discussion.

- b. Discussion on Naming of Bridge over 385- The pedestrian bridge does not have a name. When Sunset Park was built, the community was involved in choosing a name. Staff is asking committee if they would like the naming of the bridge to be done in a similar process. Staff could solicit names from the community and council members and bring 3-5 choices to committee.

Councilman Matney said he would like to see a plan with what the selection process would look like and what the steps would be. Staff will bring something back to committee on this item.

7. Public Comment- None

8. Committee Concerns- None

9. Adjournment- Chairman Allgood adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk

RECREATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM

MEETING DATE: August 7, 2023

AGENDA ITEM: 6a

TO: Recreation Committee

FROM: Seth Duncan, City Administrator

SUBJECT: Naming of Pedestrian Bridge

REQUEST

A discussion regarding the protocol and process to identify, select, and approve a name for the pedestrian bridge over I-385 being built by the City of Mauldin.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

In December 2019, City Council authorized the funding and construction of a pedestrian bridge across I-385 to connect to Bridgeway Station. With the bridge set to open soon, staff believe a formal name should be considered by Council and adopted by the same.

STAFF PROPOSAL

Staff proposes a multi-phased approach to identify, select, and approve a name for the pedestrian bridge. The proposed process is as follows.

Phase 1 – Community Input

- Staff will issue a press release, post on the City website, and create posts on social media seeking names or ideas for names for the bridge from the public.
- Names or ideas for a name should reflect a connection to the City of Mauldin, our history, or our future, and not repeat, replicate, or mirror similarly named bridges.
- Submissions will be collected via social media platforms, form submissions, and email directed to the Communications Manager.
- Names that are vulgar, profane, discriminatory, or sexual in nature will be rejected.
- Submissions will be accepted for 30 days.
- All responses will be collected and maintained by the Communications Manager and include the name of the provider if possible.
- A disclaimer will be included stipulating that names or ideas submitted does not guarantee the author/submitter any particular recognition, award, or favor from the City, and that contributions are voluntary.

Phase 2 – Staff Recommendation

- After the submission deadline, staff will compile all names/ideas submitted into a master list.
- A review committee consisting of the City Administrator, Recreation Director (or designee), Communications Manager, Community Development Director, one representative of Hughes

Investment, and two others for a total of 7 members, will review the submissions and recommend 3 to 5 names to the Recreation Committee.

- The recommended names will be reviewed for possible trademark infringement.
- The Communications Manager will prepare a memo for the Recreation Committee identifying the 3 to 5 recommended names along with all names submitted.
- There is no guarantee implied or stipulated that any name submitted will be selected by the Review Committee or by Council.

Phase 3 – Committee Review

- The Recreation Committee will receive staff recommendations along with all names submitted for consideration at a regularly scheduled Committee Meeting.
- The Committee may choose to recommend a single name or a series of names or refer the entire topic to the full Council for further consideration.

Phase 4 – Council Adoption

- At a regularly scheduled Council Meeting, Council will take up any recommendation made by the Committee.
- Council will ultimately select and adopt a name for the bridge by Resolution.

Phase 5 – Implementation

- Upon adoption of a name by Council, staff will begin the process of informing the public through a press release, website post, and social media announcement.
- Staff will order a commemorative plaque for the bridge with the new name as part of the ribbon cutting ceremony.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests feedback regarding this plan of action and approval of the Committee to proceed with Phases 1 through 3 of the plan.