



# City of Carthage, Missouri

## PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

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October 18, 2022 - 5:30 PM  
Council Chambers

### MINUTES

#### 1. Old Business

1. Consider and approve minutes from previous meeting.

**ACTION:** Motion to item 1.1. by Ed Hardesty second by Brandi Ensor;

Motion passed with a 4:0

**AYES:** Ceri Otero, Ed Hardesty, Trudy Blankenship, Brandi Ensor

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

#### 2. Citizen Participation

(Citizens wishing to address the Council or Committee should notify the City in advance and provide the item they want to address in written format at least 24 hours before the meeting. Please call Chelsea Cholley at the Parks & Recreation office at 417-237-7035, or email [c.cholley@carthagemo.gov](mailto:c.cholley@carthagemo.gov).)

#### 3. New Business

1. Consider and Discuss Public Art Policy.

Mr. Peterson discussed the use of a Public Art Policy as a way to engage the community in creative pacemaking opportunities, celebrate and promote our historical, cultural and creative Carthage identity and create public art oppoutities in diverse location. Some future locations are Carter, The pocket park, Municipal Park and Griggs Park. Mr. Peterson stated that this policy could help develop public opportunities in a responsible manner, collaborating with the art community. Mr.Dagnan mentioned that this policy would work with the current donation policy and any art purchases will still have to follow the purchasing policies and procedures.

**ACTION:** Motion to accept/approve item 3.1. by Ed Hardesty second by Trudy Blankenship;

Motion passed with a 4:0

**AYES:** Ceri Otero, Ed Hardesty, Trudy Blankenship, Brandi Ensor

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

2. Consider and Discuss Local and State Grant Opportunities for "Our Town, Our Time" Park Master Plan Projects.

Mr. Peterson stated that there are some great opportunities that parks and recreation would like to pursue. To pursue these grants there will need to be matching funds and we have approval of McCune Brooks Regional Hospital trust to leverage their donation with state and local grant opportunities. Land & Water Conservation Fund is a state grant opportunity through the Department of Natural Resources that could allow up to \$500,000 that would be used toward the Kellogg Lake concept. This grant is a yearly grant that the City of Carthage has never applied for, which will help with the final decision when this grant is awarded. The Coover Regional Celebration of Public Spaces Grant is up to \$25,000 and would be used towards the Pocket Park Concept that is currently being worked on. The Steadley Grant would be used to help with three main targets but focus on taking care of what we have as well as future plans. One being with playgrounds, restrooms, and trails that would focus on Carter, Central, Griggs, & Municipal Park. Another target is Fair Acres development of baseball fields for more of a tournament capacity and opportunities. The third target would be to help with the development of the pocket park, which is expected to include public restrooms, seating, shade, art and a stage, but we are working with Vision Carthage to help determine the best use of the space.

**ACTION:** Motion to elect item 3.2. by Ed Hardesty second by None;  
Motion passed with a 4:0

**AYES:** Ceri Otero, Ed Hardesty, Trudy Blankenship, Brandi Ensor

**NOES:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

#### 4. Staff Reports

Mr. Peterson discussed project updates within the parks. Mr. Peterson stated that the parks department has been working with multiple playground providers to determine the best concepts for our community. It was narrowed down to 2 companies who provided more detailed concepts and pricing, Play & Park and Athco, and it was determined that Park & Play had the best opportunity for pricing, support, maintenance, training, and future park needs. Mr. Peterson stated that Park & Play already had state contract pricing and had provided concepts and pricing for Municipal Park, Carter Park, & Kellogg Lake Park. We are already on schedule to start. These parks should be completed by Memorial Day 2023 in the worst case scenario.

#### 5. Other Business

#### 6. Adjournment