

**CANTON PARK COMMISSION  
BOARD MINUTES  
MONTHLY MEETING  
May 26, 2020  
4:30pm**

A meeting of the Canton Park Commission was held on Tuesday May 28, 2020 at 4:30 p.m., in the Board Room at Canton Parks and Recreation office.

- Roll Call:** President Rinaldi called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. The following Board Members responded to roll call: President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin and Member Gerzina. Also present were Doug Foltz, John Stone, Don Patterson, Erin Thompson, Kelly Byer, Jill Thomas, Antonio Hall, Dave Jingo, Mike Hairston.
- Agenda:** Motion was made by President Rinaldi, seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Approval of Minutes** Motion was made to Approve Minutes for 4/28/20. Motion made by President Rinaldi and seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes... President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
- Public Speak:** The Marion Motley Memorial Committee spoke about their goal to raise funds to create a memorial statue of Canton Native, Hall of Famer Marion Motley. The group is looking for a place to place the statue and would like the Park Commission and Parks Director to consider allowing it in one of the parks. Park Commission was very receptive to the idea and discussions will continue on proceeding further. John Stone spoke about Nimisilla Park, the Infinite Peace Garden and how everything is connected. Also spoke about history of Cedar Point and the connection to Nimisilla Park.
- Financial:** President Rinaldi made a motion to approve financial reports, seconded by Member Gerzina Ayes...President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried. Member Gerzina questioned the activity of the Stearn Center and financial obligations during the shutdown. Director Foltz will look into the agreement and their activity during the pandemic/shutdown.
- Events:** None
- Old Business:**
- a. SARTA/Crenshaw Park – Project would eliminate approximately 10 spaces at bump out of parking lot in the future. Pending additional permits, plans, zoning approval, etc., more plans coming to approve final design. President Rinaldi discussed that we will have to see more concrete final drafts with layout to get an understanding of what the architects are planning. We need a plan with an actual layout with all details that the work will include as well as Ward 4 Councilwoman Chris Smith. Must include work to be planned for a later date. Wants to have everything in print, not conceptions. If they can provide design and layout, this can be discussed over email and give final approval, if this comes together before the next Park Commission meeting. No board action taken.
  - b. Garden Center – New office coming together, tentatively moving mid-June/July 1.
- New Business:**
- a. Discussion of J. Babe Stearn Programming & Expense Report.
  - b. Vehicle Approval- Member Gerzina made a motion to authorize purchase of vehicles for Parks Department, seconded by President Rinaldi. Ayes...President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina.
  - c. Stark Co. District Library – Vice President Austin made a motion to allow SCDL to place a summer reading brochure in a temporary brochure holder in our parks. Seconded by President Rinaldi. Ayes...President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina. Motion carried.
  - d. Amateur Sports HOF Lease – the building at 1414 Market Ave North will be bid out to take over our lease after we move to the Garden Center.
  - e. Train Depot – A discussion was held about what to do with the old train depot. There is interest in relocating the depot to Akron. Research and discussions will continue.
  - f. SECC Update- Don updated the Commission on building updates at the center including security and weight room updates. Also working on re-hiring camp staff and part-timers. Working on changes for

Summer Camp at HOF Fitness and SECC. Looking at mid-June re-opening dependent upon equipment and staffing.

g. Certified Teacher Rate for Camp – SECC would like to hire Certified Teachers to add education aspect for Summer Camps. Board approval is required to add Certified Teachers at a rate of \$18.50 per hour. President Rinaldi made a motion to approve hiring Certified Teachers at \$18.50/hr for instruction, pending follow up info. Vice President Austin seconded. Ayes...President Rinaldi, Vice President Austin, Member Gerzina.

**Staff Reports:** Don Patterson shared recreation/programming update including free breakfast and lunch being given out Monday – Friday at the Center and Doug Foltz shared Park Maintenance update.

**Adjournment:** At 5:55 pm, a motion to adjourn was made by President Rinaldi and seconded by Vice President Austin. Ayes- Austin, Rinaldi, Gerzina. Motion Carried.

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President

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Secretary