

6/4/2025 | 6:30 PM

**Bob Crane Community Center, Level 5 Event Center
3200 Tremont Road**

- 1. Call to Order/Roll Call**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approve April 9, 2025 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
- 3. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Fancyburg Master Plan Update
- 4. New Business**
 - a. City Master Plan Process
 - b. Department Summer Operations
- 5. Board Member Comments and Setting Future Agenda Items**
- 6. Adjournment**

Wednesday, April 9, 2024
6:30 pm
BCCC Board Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Christ at 6:30 pm.

Members Present:

- Sean Caine (6:33pm) Caroline O'Donnell
- Lindsey Christ Craig Smith
- Brian Noble Allison Thomas

Staff Present:

- Parks & Recreation Director Debbie McLaughlin
- Administrative Assistant Brooke Bowman

Other Staff Present: City Manager Steve Schoeny, Community Development Director Chad Gibson, Park Development & Arts Superintendent Jeff Anderson, Recreation Superintendent Matt Leber

Motion to excuse Caroline O'Donnell from the April 9, 2025, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting.

Motioned: Noble

Seconded: Smith

Voting Aye: Christ, Noble, Smith, Thomas

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board from the March 5, 2025, meeting.

Motioned: Noble

Seconded: Thomas

Board Discussion: None

Voting Aye: Christ, Noble, Smith, Thomas

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS- ONGOING BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM- Bob Crane Community Center Update

Director McLaughlin and City Manager Steve Schoeny shared the data on how many people attended the opening weekend at the BCCC as well as current membership numbers. Director McLaughlin also reviewed the number of events already reserved for the BCCC including 55 events in 2025.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS- NEW BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM- City Manager Overview of School District Middle School Planning Process

City Manager Steve Schoeny shared with the board the school's facility planning process for the rebuild of middle schools specifically Hastings and Jones Middle Schools. The District is exploring several options for location and use of space for the schools and associated athletic fields including looking at Thompson Park to gauge the concept and receive public response.

AGENDA ITEM- Community Development Director Presentation on VEO Ride- Shared Mobility Bikes and Scooters

Community Development Director Chad Gibson presented to the Board about VEO ride-shared mobility bikes and scooters. The COGO system evolved in 2013 and has grown and as its progressed COGO brought in e-bikes. In 2018 UA got its first 5 stations for e-bikes. COGO did an RFP last summer and VEO was selected as a vendor with the most modern vehicles and with more AI technology called geofencing to help with the issues of scooters being left all around the City in undesirable locations. This will go to Council this spring to authorize VEO to operate in the city. With Veo the City can geo fence the parks and allow speed limits to be added to certain areas and prevent the high speeds of scooters or e-bikes through the parks.

AGENDA ITEM- Temporary Art Installation Update

Park Development & Arts Superintendent Jeff Anderson shared with the Board that Marcia Armstrong was selected as the artist for a temporary art installation in Northwest Park. Jeff shared a rendering of the art. The location of the piece is in the naturalized area, just south of the playground and shelter area. At eh UA Performance Series event, Soundwaves at the Center, Marcia will provide an artist talk about the project at the BCCC in the event space on level 5.

AGENDA ITEM- Fancyburg Master Plan Timeline

Park Development & Arts Superintendent Jeff Anderson reviewed the schedule for the Fancyburg Master Plan. Edge group who is the consultant is refining the concept from last year and will deliver an updated concept plan to city staff this spring.

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS- Updates & Reports

AGENDA ITEM- Directors Report

- Recreation Superintendent gave an update on the seasonal hiring process sharing that application numbers are high for most aquatic and tennis positions and the department is close to the numbers needed.

Director McLaughlin continued the Directors Report with the following items:

- 2025 event magnets were provided to the Board members listing the Cultural Arts and seasonal events for the department.

- Hosting Ohio Parks and Recreation Association regional members for a tour at the BCCC in May.
- Ribbon cutting for pickleball Thursday May 1st at 4pm
- Administrative Assistant Brooke Bowman has accepted a position with the City Clerk's Department.

AGENDA ITEM- Board Member Comments and Setting Future Agenda Items

- Board member Craig Smith informed the Board on the next Friends of the Park tree planting event on Saturday from 9-noon.
- June PRAB meeting scheduled the second Wednesday was moved to June 4th at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Motioned: Noble

Seconded: Smith

Voting Aye: Caine, Christ, Noble, Smith, Thomas

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

Meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

Chairperson

ATTEST: _____

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

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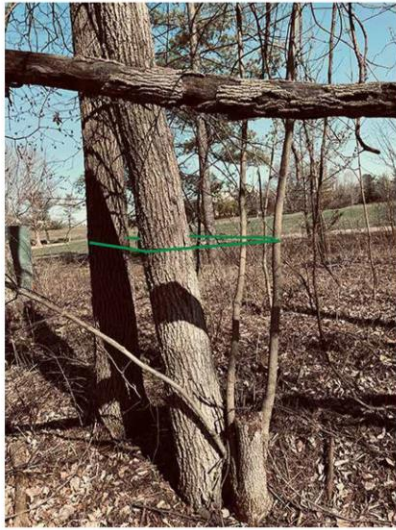




Northwest Kiwanis Temporary Art Installation







TEMPORARY ART EXHIBIT

Tentative Project Timeline

April 1, 2025: Final detailed designs due to City
April 30 – May 9, 2025: Community Gallery Exhibit
April – Installation of willow tunnel entry feature
May 1, 2025 | 6-8 pm: Soundwaves at the Center Artist Talk
June – Installation of “bird nests”
July 1, 2025: Installation of artwork finalized
July 1, 2026: End of installation

Public Engagement

Soundwaves at the Center

Thursday, May 1, 2025 | 6-8 pm
Marcia to do artist talk 6-6:30 pm

- Background, connection to UA, Overview of project, artist process

Community Gallery Exhibit

April 30 – May 9, 2025

Storytelling – walking people through the journey and artistic art process

Potential content for exhibit:

- Portfolio – studio, materials, etc
- Videos and images of previous work
- Examples of materials – displayed on pedestal and in acrylic boxes

Summer Day Camp

June and July

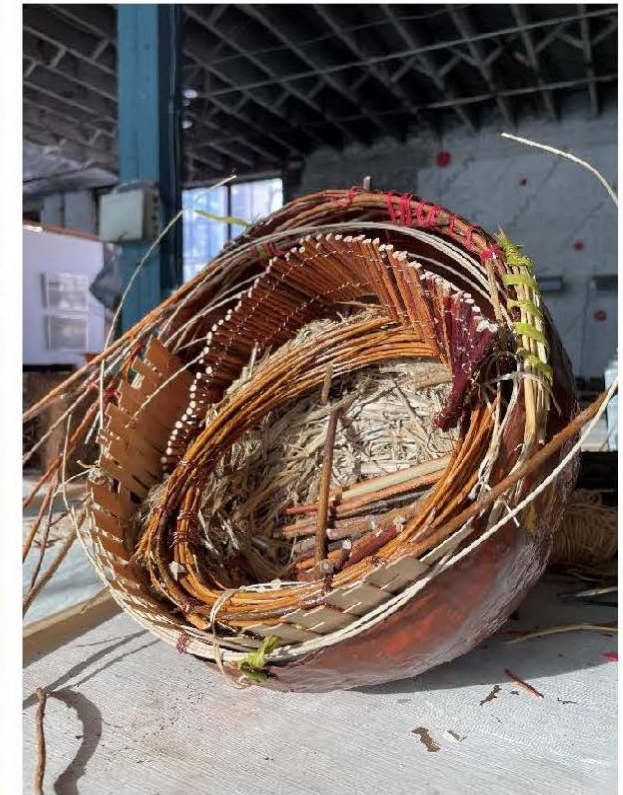
Marcia will visit each camp location on separate days for 2 hour sessions at each camp
45-60 minute session with approximately 30 campers each session

Artist Talk: artist background, overview of project, importance of protecting the environment and respecting artwork

Art Activity: engage each camp in an art making activity that relates to the project and will be incorporated into the installation. Each camp could create a different feature or component to the project. This will encourage campers to bring their families and friends to see the exhibit.

City Webpage: Project Updates

Updates and photos will be updated throughout the installation process and throughout the seasons to inform the community about the project and process. Marcia to provide content for this project update page. Social media posts will keep the community updated about the project and link back to the project page. Planning still in process for exactly what this will look like.



Fancyburg Park Master Plan



Schedule

- **Concept Refinement – Late April**
- **Community Survey and Open House – Late April- Early May**
- **Finalize Master Plan – Late May**
- **PRAB Update – June 11th**
- **City Council Presentation – June 16th**

