

Parks Safety Council

Meeting Summary

Monday, January 27, 2025

Ed Ball Bldg., 214 N. Hogan Street, 4th Floor Conference Room

Meeting Attendance

- **Park Safety Council Members:** Chair Bruce J. Tyson and Don Oulton.
- **Zoom Members:** None.
- **Staff and Elected Officials:** James Taylor; Terrence Hurst; Lindsey Smith; Michelle Godwin-Ware.
- **Zoom Staff:** Daniel Piastuck; Wallen Magnus.
- **Visitors:** None
- **Zoom Visitors:** None

Meeting Summary

1. **Call to Order/Verify Quorum:** Bruce J. Tyson, Park Safety Council Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Michelle Godwin-Ware verified that there was no quorum.
2. **Approval of Previous Meeting Summary:** Meeting summaries will be approved when the Park Safety Council has full membership.
3. **Elected Officials Report:** None.
4. **Introduction:**
 - Don Oulton introduced himself. He is the new Park Safety Council representative for District 2.
 - **James Taylor** introduced himself to Don Olton and provided an overview of his job duties.
 - **Chair Bruce Tyson** requested that Lyndsey Smith provide Michelle Godwin-Ware with the safety reports each month regardless of the Park Safety Council meets. He also asked that the PSC receive a copy of the closed items on the report and the opened items. He expressed concern that electrical issues such as exposed wires are listed as "Satisfactory." He wants them listed as "Unsatisfactory with hazards," called in, and taken care of immediately.
 - **James Taylor** advised that electric issues are marked satisfactory if not near a busy portion of the park.
 - **Chair Bruce Tyson** stated it shouldn't matter where the electrical problem is in the park. It should be fixed as soon as possible or covered.
 - **James Taylor** reported that the Riverwalk is closed off, and construction is taking place where some electrical problems are noted.
 - **Chair Tyson** suggested that a note be placed on the report that the site/park is closed due to construction. He also questioned why Lake Lucina Park had 22 repeat issues.
 - **Lyndsey Smith** reported that repeated items are sometimes repaired but then damaged again by teens or the homeless by the time James goes back to that location for inspections. She stated she and Terrance will work with the supervisors to ensure they provide updates when they have reached out to the contractors.
 - Terrance Hurst advised that the Park Maintenance crew takes care of many items. However, items such as benches, sidewalks, and electrical equipment have to go through other departments, and there are some partnerships with parks.
 - **Don Oulton** asked what his role as a Park Safety Council member is.
 - **Chair Tyson** advised him that the Park Safety Council will review the park safety report and make recommendations. The goal is to have safe parks. PSC was tasked with creating Park Safety Standards, which are complete but have not been approved by the PSC because of the lack of a quorum. Chair Tyson will draft a letter requesting that the executive order be amended to change the required number of members from four to three.
5. **Public Comments:** None

6. Subcommittees and Liaisons: None

7. Chair Tyson, Park Safety Council Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 24, 2025, at 11 a.m.

LOCATION: Ed Ball Bldg., 214 N. Hogan Street, 4th Floor Conference Rm.

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