

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**ST. ALBANS CITY PARKS COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Taylor Park, Outdoor meeting**  
**5:30 PM TUESDAY, July 21<sup>st</sup> , 2020**

**Board Members Present:**

Members: Joanie McGinn, Stina Booth, Jamie Pinkham, Angie Sturm and Kristen Poston

**Board Members Absent:** Bill Doig

**Public Present:**

**Staff Present:** Andrew Gratton: Recreation Program Manager

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to order:** Andrew calls meeting to order at 6:12 pm
2. **Art Wall Discussion** – Swanton Shut a couple of their walls down due to the issues with people painting over designs. City Council seemed to be on board from the meeting but did not offer much guidance besides some perspective locations. It seemed like the city hall location and Taylor park were locations they wanted us to steer away from. Angie has been in touch with some people who would be able to refresh the paintings. Joanie asked if the art boards at Houghton have been used. She mentioned there may not be a need if they are not both being used. Currently 1 of the 2 have been painted. Kristen mentioned her daughter would paint on the other board at Houghton and then Andrew would take pictures to advertise them some more. Joanie mentioned maybe we could talk to the people who did the lovely painting on the utility boxes and see if they would paint on the walls. Angie brought up the fact that more people would use it if it was in a more visible place. She asked if the lot in front of City Hall was city owned land. We will need to check on that as well as if the people at Food City are on board for the idea of an art wall being on the green space by their building. Angie proposed that we use the Food City Greenspace for the art wall and install 2 4x4 art walls with a rules sign. The art walls would be angled and come to a point but not touch, like the point of a triangle. One could also be lower for kids and one raised a bit off the ground.
3. **Gaga Pit at Houghton Park** – We have the supplies for a Gaga pit that was funded by Rise VT pre- COVID. Andrew wanted some help deciding where to put it. It is not permanent. Away from the road. Closer to the playground in the open space just south east of the swings.
4. **Review document for City Council** – Talk about the document the parks commission has been working on to deliver to the City Council. Everyone has seen and or edited it. Andrew will add some of the budget items and Jaime will be working on the tone of the document a little bit. After that we will all review and submit it.

5. **Public Comment** – Trash/ recycle can will be installed near the walkway at Houghton Park. More will be coming. Angie mentioned she was curious if the water fountain was working. Andrew will check with Marty on that to make sure it is operable when we are able to open it again. Talk about a disc golf course that is working to be developed at Hard’ack. Talk about working to develop a tree/ bench donation brochure for our parks. This will be worked on at future meetings.
  
6. **Adjourn** – Joanie made the motion to adjourn at 7:05 pm. Seconded by Jaime. Passed unanimously.