

Glyndon Days/Park Board Committee Meeting
Council Chambers
Wednesday, March 22nd, 2023 @ 5:00 P.M.

1. Call To Order: Mayor Tollefson called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call – Mayor Tracy Tollefson; Steven Ring, Patrick McCoy; Police Chief Justin Vogel; City Clerk Wendy Affield; Administrative Assistant Heather Johnson.

Attendees: UC Hope Representative Shonna Severson

Virtual Attendees: Council Members Justin Schreiber and Bryant DeVries.

3. Glyndon Days – Mayor Tollefson began the meeting by going through each of the dates for the festival:

a. Tuesday, August 8th: DGF Alumni Softball Game (Mayor Tollefson) – She said this will be the same as last year, and is organized with assistance by DGF Softball Coach Ron Dreschel.

b. Wednesday, August 9th: 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament (Mayor Tollefson) – She said Community Education will host this again, and they have begun to advertise for it. Johnson made a quick note that the DGF Fishing Team will be hosting their “Rebel Fish Fry” that night, which may conflict with the basketball tournament. Mayor Tollefson said the tournament can be moved to another date, possibly Monday the 7th.

c. Thursday, August 10th: City-Wide Rummage Sale, Community Picnic? Mayor Tollefson asked how the garage sale went the previous year? Johnson said they had quite a few houses participate and it was pretty popular. Affield said City Hall assists a bit, but Police Dept. Administrative Assistant Stacy Pritchard does the organizing. The committee decided to keep the garage sale going again for this year. Vogel asked about having the Community Picnic be a part of the national “Night to Unite” event the Police Department will be hosting? He said the event will take place on Tuesday, August 1st, 2023. The committee agreed to move the picnic to coincide with the Night to Unite event, and to have the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament instead. Affield mentioned the Cub Scouts normally serve the free-will donation meal for the picnic. Vogel said that would be fine, and Affield said they will check with the Scouts for availability. He said if the Scouts are available they will promote the meal/picnic as well as having a slip-n-slide and ice cream social during the event.

d. Friday, August 11th: City Wide Rummage Sale, BINGO/Free Will Donation Meal – Both of these events were approved by the committee and ran by UC Hope.

e. Saturday, August 12th:

• **City-Wide Rummage Sale (S. Pritchard)** – Continued for this year, and Vogel said Pritchard will be the organizer again.

- **Car Cruise/Color Guard/Parade (Council)** – Affield said the committee will need to start thinking about a Grand Marshal for this year. Johnson asked if anyone wanted to organize the parade since our previous planner is no longer on Council? Mayor Tollefson and Patrick McCoy volunteered to be the organizers. Johnson then asked about needing a PA system? Mayor Tollefson said it would be nice to find a trailer with speakers for this year. She also said the car show will run at the same time and the same location as last year. Johnson asked about having the Color Guard again? Mayor Tollefson said she will personally reach out to their new contact and get them lined up. Ring said he would like to check with his wife about getting a radio promo vehicle for the parade, as she works for a local radio station and the vehicle comes with a PA system in it. Schreiber asked if Johnson has a good list for parade contacts? Johnson said not really, most entrants just showed up the day of and she does not have names or contact information for them, only a handful. Mayor Tollefson said she and McCoy will create a list and try to get an online registration link created so it can be shared easily. Affield said she can check with previous organizer Dave Owings if he has any current contact lists.

- **Bouncy Houses (Wendy Affield/Council/Helpers)** – Affield said she will take care of ordering the inflatables. Mayor Tollefson said it seems to work well to get the variety they have been getting. Ring suggested trying to get a few water inflatables. Affield said she will check with Games to Go to get some ordered. She said there will also be a small bounce house for the little kids at the Night to Unite event. Vogel asked about rain-or-shine? The committee decided to hold Saturday events regardless of weather. The committee discussed wristband prices and settled on the same fee as last year, \$10 each in advance and \$15 each the day of, with a maximum of \$30 per family.

- **Craft & Vendor Show (Heather Johnson/Council/Helpers)** – Johnson said she already has 18 vendors signed up for this year's event, and she will be advertising it on the various Facebook vendor groups. The committee agreed to continue having the booths set up outside, next to the Community Center. Olson mentioned how the music he set up by the picnic tables was a nice touch. Affield said there will be no live music this year so that will save five (5) hundred dollars.

- **Food Trucks (Heather Johnson/Council/Helpers)** – Johnson said all three food trucks from last year have already agreed to be a part of this year's festival. The committee decided to keep the same number of trucks as before. Johnson stated we had the BBQ truck, the taco truck and the shaved ice truck. Severson asked if the Glyndon Lutheran Church would be having a hotdog meal on Saturday like last year? Affield said they usually do at the church but she will have to contact them to make sure they are doing it again this year.

- **Activities (UC HOPE?)** – Severson is asking the committee if UC HOPE should continue the same kids' activities as last year? She said all games were busy, but especially the face painting and balloon animals. Affield said she will try to get both through Games to Go, along with a guy who draws caricature pictures. Vogel asked if they would like to have those kids' games at Night To Unite instead? Severson said they can do that. Johnson also noted last year there were some volunteers who really helped out with everything, but she stressed how we also need the entire Councils help. She also asked if the times for the Saturday events should be the same as last year? The committee agreed to keep the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Johnson then asked if golf carts were to be offered again as

transportation? She said some residents had suggested advertising the carts, as no one knew what they were for. Mayor Tollefson said it is nice to be able to transport residents to and from the Classic Car Show and the Saturday events at the City Park. Johnson said she will put some posts on Facebook to let people know, and possibly make some signs for the carts. Mayor Tollefson asked Affield if she will be getting freezers for her parade cart? Affield said yes, and she will also check in with Bayer about donating the Dip N Dots again. Affield asked about doing the same radio advertising packages as last year? She said Midco and Arvig both donated for each package. The committee agreed. Mayor Tollefson said she will check in with both bars and get their event ideas. She then asked about the corn, and if Vogel was going to check with Greenleaf Nursery. Vogel said that would be fine, and he will reach out to let them know how much corn will be needed. Johnson asked the committee if anyone knew of a local petting zoo as a possible side attraction for Saturday? Ring said he can check with a couple people. Severson said the Red River Zoo might be an option too. Ring asked about having a dunk tank? Affield said we have had it in past years, but there is a struggle to get volunteers. The committee agreed to have a dunk tank option and Mayor Tollefson said she can work on getting some volunteers from the school. Johnson asked about having a dog costume contest for the parade? Affield said Barnesville has done a dog parade in past years. Johnson will look into some dog costume information and possibly advertise it for the parade.

4. City Parks -

- a. **Glyndon City Park:** Pickle Ball Courts
- b. **Anstadt Park:** Small Park Equipment & Bench
- c. **Skating Rink/Sledding Hill Area:** Parking Lot & Warming House
- d. **Johnson Park:** Park Equipment & Benches
- e. **Southview Park:** Shelter Area & Parking Lot

Affield said Johnson had done some research on outdoor message centers like the one included in the packet. Johnson said she thought something like this might be nice to have posted along the walking path on Parke Avenue, possibly by the area of the sledding hill and 10th Street. She said the City could post any kind of news or information inside for those walking by to read and look at. Affield said Johnson also found some examples of park benches which can be engraved, should the Anstadt Family wish to donate one for Anstadt Park. She said there could also be small playground equipment installed, possibly paid for with ARPA funds. Johnson had also found some bench options for the Pollinator Garden area, as well as a couple of dog bag/waste bins which could be placed in the parks for dog walkers. Schreiber thought the dog waste posts might be a good idea for the parks. Ring asked if there is a timeframe for the playground equipment to be replaced at Johnson Park? His suggestion would be to put a little larger equipment in Anstadt Park, and when new improvements are ready for Johnson Park perhaps then they can make some big changes. Mayor Tollefson mentioned having a splash pad installed at Johnson Park has been discussed in the past. Ring also feels the basketball and volleyball courts need to be looked at, suggesting putting some sort of money-saving plan together. Mayor Tollefson said she envisions repurposing the current playground spot and having the splash pad put there, then on the east side of the bathrooms/shelter a new playground could be built. She just wants to avoid any sort of green space being taken away. Affield said if the Charleswood Addition goes through, part of the Developers Agreement is that each lot would have to pay five hundred dollars (\$500), which would give the park

fund approximately twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000) to use to fix, add or replace equipment at Johnson Park. Ring said there would be some extra cost for infrastructure as well, if they make room for parking. Affield said if Charleswood moves through, then Parke Avenue would have curb and gutter extended all the way down. Affield addressed the pictures she had received from Moorhead concerning how the pickleball courts look. Schreiber feels since Southview has a basketball court, maybe the city park should have pickleball courts and that way each park would have something unique. He said Anstadt Park is small and can be worked on at a later time, he would like to focus on the larger parks at this time. Ring asked what will we do with Anstadt park then. Mayor Tollefson suggested working with the family to see if they wanted to install a bench. Affield said she could possibly reach out to Bayer to see if they would like to do another pollinator garden. Chief Vogel suggested a gazebo. Mayor Tollefson said going forward each individual committee member can make a wish list for park improvements. Ring asked if there was a timeline for Charleswood, and if it is possible to do anything with the street area alongside Johnson Park? Affield said the City Engineer will be at the next Council meeting, and they can ask him more about curb and gutter inclusion while Charleswood gets developed. Mayor Tollefson suggested it might be beneficial to gather some feedback from the residents, and perhaps construct a survey. Affield also mentioned a picnic shelter would be nice at the Southview Park. Olson brought up the basketball court could also be stripped in Southview.

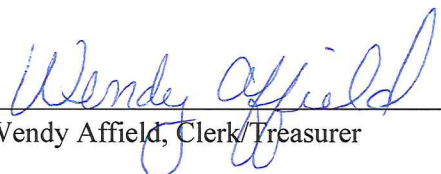
5. Public Relations – No discussion.

6. Open Forum – None.

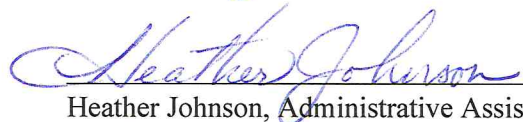
7. Adjournment – The Glyndon Days/Park Board Committee meeting ended at 5:53 p.m.



Tracy Tollefson, Mayor



Wendy Affield, Clerk/Treasurer



Heather Johnson, Administrative Assistant