



The MISSION of the City of Yankton is to provide exemplary experiences, services & spaces that create opportunities for everyone to learn, engage, and thrive.

AGENDA

YANKTON PARK ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, November 20, 2023, 5:30 PM, in the Community Room

CMTEA Building, 1200 W. 21st Street

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

- A. Roll Call. Nick Severson is board President.
- B. Consideration of September 16, 2023, minutes. (attachment)

Public Appearances. Public appearance is a time for persons to address The Board on items not listed on the agenda.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- A. 2023 Capital projects update.

The Westside Park pond project has no update at this time.

The pickle ball court conversion project received \$10,000 from Avera. We are still waiting on the finalization of a LWCF grant of \$34,000. The local pickle ball group has donated some funds for this project also. I've been informed grant finalization and signing paperwork will happen in spring of 2024.

The Parks Department is utilizing the new Field Leveling/Groomer that was purchased in the spring. They have completed the Northwest field and the Northeast field in the south Sertoma Park complex.

- B. A citizens' task force committee has been meeting to plan for the Meridian Bridge's 100th birthday in 2024. The official birthday would be October 12, 2024. The group is discussing having educational events and entertainment events throughout 2024.

The first event on the schedule is the January Kick-Off Reception on Friday night, January 26, from 6:00 to 8:30, at Ben's Brew Station.

Website- hosted by Yankton Thrive-<https://www.visitanktonsd.com/meridian-bridge-centennial/>

Facebook page- <https://www.facebook.com/Meridian.Centennial>

Instagram page- @meridianbridgecentennial

- C. SAC mission statement: Provide everyone with an affordable, indoor, family-friendly fitness and recreation facility. The SAC financials through October 31 are attached (attachment). Reminder, the SAC fees will be increased again on January 1, 2024.

Reminder, the SAC facility user data can be found in the Commission Information Memorandums (CIM) that are presented to the City Commission, every two weeks, as a part of their Commission Meeting packet and they are also a part of the PAB agenda packets.

- D. The Huether Family Aquatics Center updated 2023 financials (not finalized) (attachment).
- E. The Eagle Scout Project to build a three-sided wind-break area at the entrance of the Sertoma Park Ice Rink is underway.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Christmas lighting at Riverside Park by the Parks Department with donated items from the Optimists Club. The club purchased some displays that will be placed by the amphitheater. The City of Yankton purchased a few more items also. The Optimists still plan to do the Santa Claus house in the Capitol on the weekends of December 2 & 3 and December 9 & 10. The Optimists have a vision of even more lighting in Riverside Park in the years to come and this is an on-going effort to realize that long-term vision.
- B. The holiday festival of lights and parade will take place on Thursday, November 30. Luke Youmans has been working with downtown businesses for parade activities, from 4:00pm to 5:30pm at the Meridian Venue, that will entertain families prior to the parade at 6:00pm. The lighting of the Christmas Tree by the Meridian Bridge will take place at 7:00pm and then fireworks will be shot from the top level of the Meridian Bridge. The festival website can be found at:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/b2f29939eef14dd0a15ed4770ea630aa/>
- C. The Lawn and event spaces along the river master planning process is being planned for January through May of 2024. A similar process to what was done with the Westside Park master planning process will be used. Public meetings to examine current areas and ideas for what the public may want to see in Riverside Park and The Lawn in the future.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. General discussion items.
 - Commission Information Memorandums. (4 CIM attachments for previous months)
 - Other completed work projects for the department are noted in the CIMs.
 - Next Meeting Monday, January 15, 2024.

V. ADJOURN

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