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Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 4:30pm

Members Present: Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Dawna LaBonte, and Haley Warden

Absent: Tim Cogle, Scott Holland, and Paula Curtis-Everett

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for December were approved – Haley/Jeremy; all in favor unanimous.

Department Update:

- **Department Updates** – Dawna introduced herself to the committee.
- **Winter Programming** – All the numbers look great for winter programs. Softball is starting, basketball is moving along nicely (games are at EL, hopefully next year we will be at the new HS). The senior center is always full of things going on, they are currently still going on trips but that will slow down the end of January (due to weather).
- **Winter Fest** – Dawna told the committee that there would be ice rinks, sledding and snowshoes (a flyer will be put together). Liz Allen will create a roadmap of other events happening around the city. Dawna also said that the city would like to bring back Winterfest weekend. Misty asked if the actual weekend should be moved to February.
- **New Business** – Nothing to report except CIPs are due Friday (1/13/23) and budgets are due next Friday (1/20/23). CIPs: Playground updates for Bonney and Raymond Parks (Jeremy is working with Mark from New England Playground to get designs), Mt. Apatite funding. Misty asked if there was anything for a dog park. Jeremy thinks it could be ARPA funds and not CIP.

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot Workgroup** – Still in progress, RFP is completed, Liz Allen has reviewed. Liz said that it would be sent to the City Manager to review then the Capital Investments & Purchasing department. Jeremy and Dawna agreed that Liz would be the best person to submit that.
- **Lake Grove Park Workgroup** – Misty would love to see something moving forward need to start working on that now if there will be swimming (lifeguard equipment, lifejackets etc.). Need to take care of the bacteria. The building there needs to be fixed the fixtures in the building are all new, but the actual building is falling apart.
- **Mount Apatite** – no update
- **LWCF** – Jeremy said that this will be part of his new role. East Auburn should be fixed this summer
- **PAL** – Dawna
- **Subdivision Projects** – No updates
- **Conservation Commission** – No updates
- **Playground Projects** – Misty asked about Drummond Park getting a bit of an update

Meeting was adjourned, Haley/Misty; all in favor unanimous

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 8, 2023 – 4:30 pm and the Auburn Community Senior Center.



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Absent, Scott Holland, Dawna LaBonte, and Haley Warden

Meeting Minutes:

Department Update:

- **Winter Programming** – Winter programs are wrapping up. Planning spring brochure (will go out mid-March). Unified basketball starts on February 28th (capped at 18, younger division at 16, older division at 17). Misty asked what Unified basketball is, Jeremy said it is more of a mentorship Auburn Suburban does a baseball/softball so Rec will not tap into that.
- **Winter Fest** – No update.

New Business:

- **Dog Park** - Misty said she added it to new business because the group has discussed several times. Jeremy said there are no specific funds earmarked for a dog park he also told the group that it would be at Lakeview Softball Fields on Gracelawn Road. Scott, Jeremy, and Kris Bennett met with DEP at Lakeview, they can penetrate the clay cap if they need to (DEP preferred not to but it can be done). Jeremy and Kris will meet 2/9/23 to go over more details (Kris has met w/DEP and will have more detailed information). Jeremy will bring the info to the next meeting. Jeremy did say that their preference would be ballasted fencing would be an option but if it is not buried in the ground there would be a potential for issues because of the wind. Misty said that the plan would be to have a small dog, large dog area then possibly a calm down area. All separate entrances, she also thought it would be a good idea to have an agility area. The group discussed the strength of the fencing as well. Jeremy had Cheyanne (GIS) draw up a plan of sorts. Paula stated that she was not opposed to the proposal be she needed to be sure that the rules are stringent enough. Tim asked where Petco was so close if they would possibly partner or donate.
- **Bonney Park Update** – For this coming budget season Jeremy told the group that PW is putting in playgrounds upgrades for both playgrounds (Bonney and Raymond). Jeremy showed the group renderings that he is working with Mark Gallagher on. Total cost would be Approx \$350,000
- **Raymond Park Update** Total cost would be Approx. \$200,000
- Paula asked about the community center in west auburn Misty wants to add it to the agenda. Jeremy said the last thing he heard about was the barn being torn down. Jeremy will try to get info for the next meeting.

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot Workgroup** – Misty said RFP is completed and has emailed Liz Allen. She told Liz that she would be with her to do the “pitch” She is waiting to hear back.
- **Lake Grove Park Workgroup** – Nothing new to report (should be completed when the weather gets nicer). Misty did say if things needed to be ordered they should be ordered now.
- **Mount Apatite** – No update. Jeremy is working with Chris Riley on what his group can do

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- **LWCF** – Jeremy is working with John Blais and Doug from the State
- **PAL** – Jeremy, Rita, Phil, and Derek (as well as two architect groups) traveled to the Alford building for a tour to get ideas for the new building. Jeremy said they are working on deciding if the current PAL building can still be occupied while the new building is getting done.
- **Subdivision Projects** – No updates
- **Conservation Commission** – No updates
- **Playground Projects** – No updates

Meeting was adjourned, Tim/Paula; all in favor unanimous

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 8, 2023 – 4:30 pm and the Auburn Community Senior Center.



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Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at 4:30pm

Members Present: Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Haley Warden, and Paula Curtis-Everett

Absent, Scott Holland, Dawna LaBonte, and Tim Cogle

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for January and February were approved – Haley/ Paula; all in favor unanimous

Department Update:

- **Spring Programming** – No update. Paula asked the question about the Lobster Festival (asked specifically what it is, and how will it be done). This is not event that the Recreation Department puts on. Jennifer Boenig will also oversee this. Jeremy also said that registrations for summer camp has started and that he was not sure where track and field would be located this year (the track has been torn up as part of the new HS project).
- **Winter Fest** – No update, the committee did discuss the story boards but they have not been updated in months. Jeremy said that Jenn Boenig oversees those. The committee also discussed the fact that there really is not a “winter fest” with the city but that other places do have things on certain weekends that the city will help promote. Misty said that she thought it would be a great idea to have an actual winter fest from Hasty to PAL (snowshoe races, a pop-up restaurant, sledding etc). To make it feel like an actual festival.

New Business:

- **Dog Park** – There is a drawing of the dog park. Jeremy said that there is nothing new to report, but reviewed what was discussed at last month’s meeting (February).
- **Bonney Park Update** – Misty asked what the date is that colors need to be decided. Jeremy said that it would not be until the budget season. Jeremy did ask about adding additional swings. With the present drawing there is not enough room how it is currently drawn but they will review. Misty still feels like it would be better if the park were spread out a bit more.
- **Raymond Park Update** – Same scenario as Bonney Park.

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot Workgroup** – Misty said RFP is completed and in City Manager’s hand, it will go to council when they have their retreat. Paula asked if there was still going to be a trail added that goes down to Salmon Point. Misty confirmed that that was still in the works.
- **Lake Grove Park Workgroup** – Nothing new to report. Misty said that they really have heard nothing BUT it does have a playground. She did say that she was going to write another RFP for this park and turn it in. Jeremy said that he did discuss a splash pad and will follow-up at the next meeting. Playground consultant did say that he was not sure if \$100,000 was enough funds for this.
- **Mount Apatite** – Misty asked Paula how the snowshoeing event went (it went well). Jeremy is still working on a new bike trail (and repairs as well). Jeremy also said that PW is working on putting fund in the operating budget each year so that updates can be done.
- **LWCF** – Funding request was removed from the East Auburn Tennis Court renovation project and changing focus to the new PAL Center. John Blais will be asking for LWCF funding to help with the

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new PAL Center. There are current city funds available to help with the renovation of the East Auburn Courts and LWCF funds are not needed to do the project.

- **PAL** – Still in the design stage of the new PAL Center.
- **Subdivision Projects** – Misty attended a planning board meeting, she said that it was intimidating. This will not fall under the city. None of the current new housing projects require funds or green space to be given to the city. Will continue to work with John on new projects.
- **Conservation Commission** – No updates
- **Playground Projects** – No updates

Other Business:

- **Community Center** - (North Auburn) – Paula asked about this location, she said that someone put dog waste bags and there are not any more left and someone also needed to empty the trash. Jeremy said that he spoke to Assistant City Manager and there is no plan yet. Derek Boulanger did say that there were a few things that the city is responsible to take care of but nothing specific yet for this location.
- **New Board Members** – The committee discussed that new members are needed for the board.
- **Sports Complex** – Misty asked if this project was completely dead. Jeremy said that there is nothing to report he hasn't heard anything. Misty did say that she is attending the next board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned, Misty/Paula; all in favor unanimous

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12, 2023 – 4:30 pm and the Auburn Community Senior Center.



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Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 4:30pm

Members Present: Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Haley Warden, Tim Cougle and Paula Curtis-Everett

Absent: Scott Holland and Dawna LaBonte

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for March were approved – Tim/Paula; all in favor unanimous.

Department Update:

- **Spring Programming** – All spring programs are up and running,
- **Summer Programming** - Summer camp enrollment is open. Recreation wants to have all summer camp groups in one location. This will be the first time in years that this has happened.

New Business:

- **Dog Park** – Misty asked what the timeline for this was. Jeremy said it did not get put in CIP for this year. This park would be moved to Lake View 2. Paula asked again about approaching Petco to partner with (develop a relationship with them). Jeremy also mentioned the Humane Society.
- **Bonney Park Update** – Submitted to CIP will have clarity w/in the next couple of weeks.
- **Raymond Park Update** – Submitted to CIP will have clarity w/in the next couple of weeks.
- **North Auburn Community Center** – Jeremy said that he hasn't heard from Dan in a couple of weeks he thought that there was electrical work that needed to be taken care of (believe it has been finished). Jeremy will report back after he speaks with Dan. Paula asked if the city could ask the people that live in that area what they would like to see happen to that space.
- **Parks Tour 2023 Planning** – Jeremy said if Bonney and Raymond Parks are approved on CIP then the group should go visit them. Tim also said that the group should visit the North Auburn Community Center as well. Misty asked where Sullivan Square was (it is located next to Rolly's Diner) she thought the group should visit and discuss the one park bench that was located there. The group will also visit the area next to Evergreen Printing, Tim said it was a city owned property. West Pitch will also be visited, Tim said he would lead the group on that tour. Jeremy said that Cleveland Field was not worth visiting. Jeremy thought about visiting Lake Grove Park so that they could see the new playground (they will also check out the restrooms and snack bar).

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot Workgroup** – Misty said she has not heard anything on the RFP. She said she will follow up with an e-mail.
- **Lake Grove Park Workgroup** – The pad will be poured when the weather is better. Can not be done until it is 55 degrees at night. Alternative Sentencing will be taken there to clean up the area (rake, pick up debris etc.)
- **Mount Apatite** – Jeremy said that there was \$9,000.00 left over from last year for trails etc. Jeremy said that there is a plan for GIS to plot the trails for better guidance.
- **LWCF** – No update

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- **PAL** – Jeremy said that the shovels should be going in the ground this year but not too much to report since the last couple of meetings have been canceled.
- **Subdivision Projects** – Misty said they are still doing groundwork, she said that the group needed to get ahead of this so that there could be a nice park built. Paula thought that that may be a great place for a skateboard park.
- **Conservation Commission** – No updates
- **Playground Projects** – No updates

Meeting was adjourned, Haley/Paula; all in favor unanimous.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 10, 2023 – 4:30 pm Bonney Park.



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Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 4:30pm

Members Present: Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Haley Warden, and Tim Cogle

Absent: Paula Curtis-Everett, Scott Holland and Dawna LaBonte

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for April were approved – Tim/Haley; all in favor unanimous.

Department Update:

- **Summer Programming** – 210 kids signed up for summer camp (240 is the max). Currently there is a shortage of staff, approx. 5, these are floaters so it should not be too bad. All summer camp groups will be at one location (Walton School). 40 enrolled in track and field, all practices will be at Lewiston Recreation. Adult sports between softball, basketball, and soccer (90 adult teams) 6 days a week. Jeremy is the liaison for EL community service day which will be Friday May 19th. There are 140 kids signed up to do community service (Freshman-Juniors). There are 5 different locations Hasty/Pettengill Park, PAL/Chestnut St, Lake Auburn Community Center, Lake Auburn, and Norway Savings Bank Arena. Haley asked why it was not announced that there was no Teen Extreme camp on Fridays (she would like to see something posted). Jeremy said he will have Sara post something.

New Business:

- **Parks Tour 2023** – The group started at Bonney Park

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot Workgroup** – Misty said at Leadercast she touched base with Phil, and he said the group should get council support for the food forest and he plans to reach out to them.
- **Lake Grove Park Workgroup** – Misty said that she is extremely happy that there has been a lot of PR. Misty said next would be opening restrooms etc. Jeremy said that there is a tentative plan for the beach. Friday May 12th Derek will be meeting Mark from PW and a plumber at the beach to look at the restroom situation. Jeremy said if there were to be a splash pad (wouldn't happen for another year) there would have to be a new water source. Haley asked if they were still moving forward with the kayak and paddle boards. Jeremy said the next phase is parking, it would be on street parking (about 12-15 spots). The city will be obtaining the dilapidated building so there could be the potential for more parking spots.
- **Bonney Park** – Jeremy said that was not money allocated for Bonney Park this year. There were extra funds that could be reallocated. The thought would be to add a splash pad there at the upper level. Jeremy showed the group where the playgrounds would be located specifically (for the younger children and the older children). Tim thought that maybe some of the undergrowth should come out to clean it up a bit.
- **LWCF** – No update
- **PAL** – No update
- **Subdivision Projects** – No update
- **Conservation Commission** – No updates
- **Playground Projects** – The playground company will be around next week (May 15th). They will be at Pettengill first then depending on weather then Bonney Park.

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Other Business:

- Haley asked about the story boards, Jeremy told her to contact Jenn Boenig
- Jeremy said all sheds that are currently in Festival Plaza are going to Anniversary Park.

Meeting was adjourned, Haley/Tim; all in favor unanimous.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, June 14, 2023 – 4:30 pm at Lake Auburn Community Center.



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Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 4:30pm

Members Present: Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Haley Warden, and Tim Cogle

Absent: Paula Curtis-Everett, Scott Holland and Dawna LaBonte

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for May were approved – Haley/Tim; all in favor unanimous.

Department Update:

- **Summer Programming** – No updates
- **Summer Camp** – No updates

New Business:

- **Parks Tour 2023 – Lake Auburn Community Center**

Misty was wondering if Dan Bilodeau (community member with interest in the park) would be willing to chair a workgroup to look into the needs of the park in the future. Although it would not fall under the 3rd space grant Misty thinks it would be a perfect space to turn it into. Put more seating areas and a grill etc. Misty mentioned public works possibly building an outhouse of sorts with proper ventilation. Tim said that the road in was not great so possibly have that updated a bit and have more parking spaces. The group also talked about building a couple of pergolas for shaded areas. There was a discussion about reaching out to Lake Auburn Water Protection to see if they would be interested in helping spruce the park up as well. Jeremy said Brian Wood would be the one to reach out to about finding some funding to make a few upgrades.

Motion made to send a letter to Brian from the committee Tim/Haley; all in favor unanimous

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot Workgroup** – No updates
- **Lake Grove Park Workgroup** – No updates
- **Bonney Park** – No updates
- **LWCF** – No update
- **PAL** – No update
- **Subdivision Projects** – No update
- **Conservation Commission** – No updates
- **Playground Projects** – Pettengill is October's park visit. Jeremy said the crew is there today to finish playground. They should be open by the end of July. The last remaining piece for the beach is taring the walkway. There are 9 canoes out there, life jackets, games, and the dock is finished.

Other Business:

- Haley asked why there is no flag football, Jeremy said he believes that staff is still working on it and that it will be at Auburn Suburban. She also asked if there would be an all-girls team (last year there were not enough signed up).

Meeting was adjourned, Haley/Tim; all in favor unanimous.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 9, 2023 – 4:30 pm at Chestnut and Gully Park



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Wednesday November 8, 2023, at 4:30pm

Members Present: Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Haley Warden, and Julia Bergeron-Smith

Guests Present: Sara Parker

Absent: Scott Holland, Dawna LaBonte, and Tim Cogle

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for July still need to be approved. November's will be approved in December.

Department Update:

- **Fall Programming/Winter Programming** – Sara said childcare was going strong and that vacation camp registration is open, she is doing a lot of work to promote that. The Halloween events were cancelled due to the events of October 25th. The Recreation staff handed out candy on Halloween night. PAL did not do the haunted house this year, but they also handed out candy on Halloween night. New Auburn did their annual candy event as well. There was a softball tournament Lewiston Strong being held on Saturday November 11th. Twin City Thunder also did a fundraiser event for Lewiston Strong as well (approx. \$7,000.00 was raised). Basketball registration is open, unified basketball will be split into two age groups because several children have registered. Currently adult basketball is open for registrations as well. Cheering will not be offered (there is not a coach). There is someone that has offered to do a tumbling program. The gym floor is in the process of getting refinished with a new logo and new lighting. The recreation building is also in the process of getting a new HVAC system. Sara did discuss with the group that summer camp is still up in the air as far as having one central location due to the uncertainty of Walton School. Misty and Haley suggested that Sara go online and “book the school”.

New Business:

- **Welcome Julia** – Julia grew up in Lewiston and moved to Auburn. She started volunteering at the elections and heard about this committee and wanted to be a part of it. She currently works in Portland.
- **Review Parks Tour**- Misty mentioned that it would be amazing if someone from the city could attend the advisory meeting and review what is happening in the w/in the city. Jeremy said that they are creating angled parking at the beach (no word on the restrooms). The spray pad is still being discussed as well as the basketball courts (pickleball lines may go on the court as well). Anniversary Park was missed due to the weather and Raymond Park was also missed. Misty would like to come up with a plan for a dog park and have it up and running my next spring, Jeremy said that it was put on hold because the fields in that area are being used. Haley suggested that the group focus on Lake Auburn Community Center since there is not a lot that needs to be done there. \$10,000 left that the city will use to repair the building and they need to allot a certain amount of funds each year to update it.
- **Begin conversations about nominations for leadership positions, Chair and Co-Chair** - Tabled until the next meeting when Tim is present

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Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot Workgroup** – Haley told the committee that the original plan was to turn it into a food forest and an outdoor education center. Misty said she and Haley attended a meeting but that they had to go back to the council in January and get the \$50,000 reapproved. Misty is getting support from other groups to also bring that to the council. This will be the largest food forest project when/if it is approved.
- **Lake Grove Park Workgroup** – See review parks tours above.
- **Bonney Park** – No update
- **LWCF** – No update
- **PAL** – No update
- **Subdivision Projects** – No update
- **Conservation Commission** – No updates
- **Playground Projects** – Lake Street School still need to be completed.

Other Business:

- **Homework**- Review Park tour notes
- Jeremy told the group that the tree lighting will not be at Festival Plaza but that it will be at Anniversary Park. The committee discussed the issues w/having the tree lighting Anniversary Park.
 - No parking at Anniversary Park
 - Even with the small amount of parking that there is there, it is tough to get there due to the construction.
 - The New Auburn Social Club is not the best location to hold family events near
 - No tree at Festival Plaza (which is the central location of the city)
- Haley asked if they were moving forward with a skate park (this would be at Lake Grove Park)
- Jeremy said that Lake Auburn Community Center may be a good place for a dog park.
- Misty wants to figure out the rail to trails situation. Jeremy said that Jonathan LaBonte was working on that but has since been relocated to the Airport. He will follow up on that.
- Haley made a motion, Julia second for Misty to draft a letter to invite Brian Wood to the meeting in January. The committee will review the letter and draw up a list of questions.
- Jeremy notified the committee about the restructuring of Public Services. Scott has been moved to Director of Public Works. (engineering, facilities, and public works)

Meeting was adjourned, Haley/Julia; all in favor unanimous.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, December 13, 2023 – 4:30 pm at the Senior Center



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Members Present: Jeremy Gatcomb, Misty Edgecomb, Haley Warden, and Tim Cogle

Guests Present: Sara Parker

Absent: Julia Bergeron-Smith, and Dawna LaBonte

Meeting Minutes: July's approved Haley/Tim; all in favor unanimous.

November's approved Haley/Tim; all in favor unanimous.

Department Update:

- **Winter Programming** - Sara Explained to the group that Recreation was testing out a new layout for the brochure as it is very tough seasonal due to the way that registrations are listed, and programs are started (see below). On December 16th Pizza and PJ's will be held at the Senior Center. There were 50 registration spots all were filled and there are 47 people on the wait list. Unified starts in January.
- **Winter Festival** - Jeremy told the group that Winter Festival is held by individual companies since there is a large New Years event. Misty said if the city were to take it back that she feels it should be held in all the city parks.
- **Spring Programming** -

New Business:

- **Nominations for Leadership Positions, Chair & Co-Chair** – The group stated they wanted Misty to continue to be the chair. Misty does believe there is a need for a co-chair. The group renominated Misty for chair, Haley/Tim; all in favor unanimous. The group nominated Haley for co-chair Misty/Tim; all in favor unanimous.
- **Winter Planning for Summer Tours** - Going to get put into "work in progress." This will be one park at a time. Misty was asking about the timeline on the playground at Bonney Park. Jeremy said that there are no funds available at this time. Scott will be going to Jill Eastman or Kelsey Earle (not sure who will be taking this over next FY) to ask what is left. Haley was also asking about Raymond Park.

Work in Progress:

- **Tot Lot Update** – Misty will be creating and presenting a presentation to the City Council in January so they can reallocate the \$50,000.00. She is not exactly sure of the actual date in January, but she will report back.
- **Lake Grove Park Update** – Misty asked if the basketball hoop would be in next year's plans. Jeremy said he would find out. Misty thought about opening the current restrooms, Jeremy said they are in very, very bad shape. Misty asked about the potential of having a business sponsor the new restrooms.
- **Bonney Park** – No update
- **Dog Park** – No update

Other Business:

- There was a lengthy discussion about how the Recreation Department should have the brochure. The group thought possibly have the Senior Center have their own would be ideal. Haley said she would prefer to have the brochure two times a year. The group also discussed when to add summer camp

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and Haley said to add it to both brochures. Jeremy asked if there was a different price that should be listed for the weekends of renting Hasty in the sample that Sara brought to the meeting.

- Misty asked about the meetings being held on Wednesday mornings at the Senior Center and stated that there has been some concern about how they must rush out at 8:30AM. She suggested that the staff be a bit more polite when dealing with people that rent the space.
- Robbie Berube will now be taking over the rentals at Ingersoll.
 - All current active user groups were contacted via e-mail.
 - This has been updated on all websites and when people contact the city hall switchboard to reserve time the switchboard operator is aware.
- Misty asked if there was an update about Auburn Suburban. Jeremy said that there has been no update. Haley did notify the group that the dug outs have been updated a bit.
- Misty asked about the maintenance of the playgrounds. Jeremy said that there is someone from Public Works that will go and check them out.
- The group discussed the tree lighting in Anniversary Park, and how they were unsure how it would be moving forward (very hard to see). Jeremy said more than likely this this will remain the location since the tree is planted in the ground. The city did ask for a larger “donated tree”, but none were offered. Tim said that once the road gets repaired and the repair work is finished it should be clearer and more able to see.

Meeting was adjourned, Haley/Tim; all in favor unanimous.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 10, 2024 – 4:30pm at the Senior Center