



AGENDA SUMMARY

Fort Smith Parks and Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting, Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 12:00 p.m.
Creekmore Community Center

Approval of the minutes from October 12 meeting.

Nancy Raney made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Madeline Marquette and unanimously approved.

1. Artisan Market Update

Elizabeth Fayhe gave an update regarding the Rivervalley Artisan Market noting that there has been a huge interest for this type of market in the area. They have outgrown the area at Creekmore and have even had to turn away vendors because there isn't enough space. They will be looking at downtown areas such as Pendergraft Park or Compass Park for next year.

2. Project updates

Doug Reinert noted that the Notice to Proceed has been issued for the Rice Carden Walking Trail. Imani Park Ribbon Cutting will be held Saturday, November 19 at 2pm. Arrows have been erected on the former White Dairy property in connection with Project Unexpected. We are awaiting approval of plans from the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department for the Rice Carden Walking Trail Extension and the Corps of Engineers before the project can move forward.

3. Public comments

Karen McFerren was present and inquired about the sprinkler system used for the Greg Smith River Trail and why it was not used for the Rice Carden Walking Trail. Reinert noted that the Rice Carden is built on the levee and therefore can't be done. Dawn Stovall with WATA was present and noted that they were awarded the "Community Organization of the Year" from the State of Arkansas.

4. Commission & staff comments

Jennifer Oberste noted that opening night of Holiday Express will be December 5. Marquette asked about the Commemorative Tree Planting Program. Oberste mentioned that it is on the Park's Department website.

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