



Southside Steering Committee
City of Paducah | Planning Department | May 2, 2022

Members present:

Mike Muscarella
Mark Fenske
Susan Ybarzabal
Bryson Wells
Leslie Ballard
Rev. Charles Dunbar

Members Absent:

Tommy Hollimon
Sonya Thompson
Connie Ragsdale
Kristian Prather

Staff/Guests:

Amie Clark – Parks
Hope Reasons – Grants Administrator
Melanie Reason – Planning
Tanashae Bell

1. Discussion: Recreation at Coleman Park
 - a. The Parks and Recreation Department of the City of Paducah have several updates planned for this park:
 - i. Resurfacing basketball court
 - ii. Adding seating/bleachers
 - iii. Removing broken equipment (horseshoes)
 - iv. Improving accessibility to playgrounds with added walkways/paved paths from perimeter sidewalks to create a stable access points to playground for those with mobility challenges
 - b. In discussions between Planning (on behalf of Steering Committee), Parks, and Engineering, it was noted that there are other opportunities for improvements to this park. Amie Clark, Director of Parks was present to discuss additional recreation improvements. The discussion reviewed the list of suggested improvements from the last meeting, and added several more:
 - i. Upgraded playground equipment
 - ii. Improved connectivity through neighborhood sidewalk/paving plan
 - iii. Grant funding to cover costs of larger upgrades
 - iv. Improved park safety/security
 - v. Bathroom access

2. Planning Process: Community Engagement
 - a. To create a community lead plan, the Steering Committee will host a Community Engagement activity on a Sunday afternoon 1-2 times to get better feedback on recreation needs for Coleman Park from the community. This engagement activity will last approximately two hours each time. Members will be expected to attend at least one activity to help facilitate the engagement.
3. Vision: Designing engagement for Coleman Park
 - a. Feedback will focus on recreation needs: how community members use current facilities, and what needs they have that are not being met by current facilities. Community engagement activities could include surveys, sticker boards, and other easy activities where the public can provide feedback.
4. Next Steps: Next meeting and action items
 - a. Planning/Parks staff will design Community Engagement activities
Planning/Parks will schedule activities.

NEXT MEETING:

MONDAY June 13th 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Location: Paducah Housing Authority, 1105 Walter Jetton Blvd