

**Rogers Parks and Recreation Commission**  
**Minutes**  
**August 19, 2020**  
**Noon at Rogers Activity Center**  
**315 West Olive Street**

**Commission Attending:** Mendy Fisher, Betty Evans, Paul O'Rourke, Greg Lindley, David Hale, Nathan Gairhan, Shawn Lee

**Staff Attending:** Jim White, Andrea Brinton, Lance Jobe, Kent Laughlin, Kara King, Jennifer Moore

**Guests:** Ronnie Webb, Jerry Carmichael, Lauren Hildreth

**PUBLIC FORUM:**

Lauren Hildreth with BikeNWA outlined the Slow Streets Rogers program. The City of Rogers and BikeNWA have partnered for the Slow Streets NWA program, running on the weekends, Friday evening 7 pm to Sunday evening 7 pm, from September 4 to November 1. The program includes signage that reminds all road users to slow down, share the road, and be safe. The streets are not closed to vehicular traffic.

**ACTION ON MINUTES:**

**Motion** for the acceptance of July minutes: Hale

**Second:** Shawn Lee

**Passed.**

## **REPORTS:**

### Projects/Progress Report

- Frisco Park is progressing; working on farmers market building, water towers installed, and restrooms set
- Velosolutions is paving Railyard Bike Park, anticipated completion October 2020
- Trail enhancements still underway; working on median at Pleasant Grove
- Railyard Loop wayfinding signs in production
- Osage Creek streambank restoration is near completion
- Multi-Modal landscaping is done, waiting on bus station
- Garrett Rd plans have been reviewed and returned for comments

### Trail count update

- 96,490 trail users in July 2020
- Counts up 37% from July 2019
- Working on interactive counter at New Hope

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Parks Department and Rogers Police have been working to clean up homeless camps at E. New Hope Rd. and the Railyard Loop at N. 24<sup>th</sup> St.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Adult softball begins August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Rogers Fire Department will be conducting a controlled burn at the Mt. Hebron park property on August 20<sup>th</sup>.