

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS & TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**November 18, 2021 5:00 P.M**  
**111 Opera Street, Suite A**  
**Joint meeting with Hot Springs Friends of the Parks Board**

**1) Roll Call of Committee Members**

Committee Members present: Dudley Webb, Julie Nix, Larry Williams, Samantha Christian, Bob Reddish. Excused: Rick Dwyer. Absent: Joan Botts. P&T staff present: Anthony Whittington, Kathleen Fason, Brian Fisher

**2) Approval of the Agenda**

Julie made a motion to approve the November 18, 2021 agenda. Larry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**3) Approval of the Minutes**

Samantha made a motion to approve the September 17, 2021 minutes. Larry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**4) Introduction of Guests**

Trail Coordinator Ken Freeman, Member of the Friends of the Parks Board, Deputy City Manager Lance Spicer, and Mayor McCabe

**5) New Business**

- A) Plaque and Proclamation Presentation:** After dinner, Mayor McCabe presented a framed proclamation to Ken and read it aloud saying that November 17 would now be recognized as Ken Freeman Day in Hot Springs. Anthony presented a plaque to Ken in appreciation for his years of service to the city which include 15 years of volunteer/advisory and 16 years of contract work developing trail systems in and around the city. Ken has been a huge part in the growth and development of bicycle awareness and safety, multi-use trails, complete streets, and fundraising for more trail systems with neighborhood connections. He and his wife Tracy hosted the Tikes, Trikes, Trails event with the city every year at Entergy Park for over 10 years. He is retiring and they are moving to be near their son and grandchildren in Virginia. He will be greatly missed.
- B) Friends of the Parks Budget Presentation:** Friends President Ned Skoog used a PowerPoint to go over their annual budget presentation. Friends has continued to assist the City of Hot Springs with various trails projects including but not limited to the Southwest Trail between Little Rock and Hot Springs, Stokes Creek Greenway land acquisition and design, Hollywood Healthy Trail and Bridge, Pullman Connection to the Northwoods, Velocity Park and more. There is so much growth currently in Hot Springs and Friends encourages the public to sign up and get involved in their continued efforts and successes. *Friends of the Parks membership: Youth/\$10, Adult/\$25, Family/\$35, Business or Organization/\$50.*
- C) Presentation for Ken Freeman:** Kathleen presented a video she prepared showing various ways in which Ken Freeman and his wife Tracy had improved Hot Springs over the years from Entergy Park multi-trail system, planning and design development of the Hot Springs Creek Greenway Trail with neighborhood connections, assisting with Northwoods trails planning and

development, Pullman Connection, and Cedar Glades connection; Fundraising with Friends of the Parks; Planning and hosting programs like the annual Tikes, Trikes, and Trails and Seeds of Peace; Grant writing and management; assistance in development of complete streets, and so much more!

**6) Parks & Trails Director Reports, Announcements, & Items for Discussion**



**7) Parks & Trails Advisory Committee Reports, Announcements, & Items for Discussion**

**8) Adjournment:**

The Parks and Trails Advisory Committee will hold their next regular meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Whittington, Director  
Parks & Trails Department

APPROVAL: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dudley Webb, Co-Chairman  
Parks & Trails Advisory Committee