

**City of Fort Calhoun  
Parks Board  
March 14, 2024  
Meeting Minutes**

1. Kris Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
2. Kris Richardson announced the Open Meeting Compliance Act.
3. Roll call:  
Board members Kris Richardson, James Totten, Sara Ruthven, Jerry Barabas, Karli Johnson, and Park Commissioner John Kelly were all in attendance. Bob Lammers was absent.
4. Approval of February Meeting minutes was moved by Jerry, seconded by Karli. All in favor to approve.

**Unfinished Business:**

5. 2024 Papio NRD Grant Status
  - a. The parks board was awarded the 2024 Papio NRD tree grant. The trees will be placed in the lower section of Pioneer Park. Kris will confirm the order with Kinghorn Gardens to ensure spring install before the grant deadline.
6. Pioneer Park Multipurpose Court
  - a. City staff are working on pre-construction groundwork logistics to prepare for a 2024 install.
7. Park Enhancement Artwork
  - a. Karli states there are a few students at the school who would be willing to do the sidewalk paintings. Sara will give Karli examples of sidewalk painting to give the student some ideas.

**New Business**

8. New Trails Discussion
  - a. Tree Grant Potential: Park members discussed adding trees along the new trail that will be near Pioneer Park. Board members will look at where the trail is going to be and discuss ideas for trees at future meetings.
  - b. Board members discussed the need for lights along parts of the new trail and existing trail by the bridge to provide decoration and safety at night. Board members suggested parking improvements on Monroe Street at West Market Square Park when that phase of the trail is being planned.
9. Community Coordination Update

- a. Sara presented plans for community events to take place at Adams Street Corridor this summer. She has been working with city clerk, Alicia Koziol, to plan two food truck nights, a movie night, a morning with vendors, and a free exercise class for the community.

Meeting Adjournment:

At 8:05 pm meeting adjournment was motioned by Sara and seconded by James. All in favor.