

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of a City Council special meeting held on February 6, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Kilsheimer
Commissioner Billie Dean
Commissioner Diane Velazquez
Commissioner Doug Bankson
City Administrator Glenn Irby

ABSENT: Commissioner Kyle Becker

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Kilsheimer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION:

Mayor Kilsheimer said this was a special meeting of the Apopka City Council to consider plans for the Lake Avenue Park. He advised our choice for the playground design needs to be submitted to KaBOOM!

Shakenya Jackson, Neighborhood Services Coordinator, advised there was a Design Day meeting held on January 24, 2017. Based on the designs illustrated by the children, KaBOOM! was able to draw up three different concept designs. She said the committee is recommending City Council accept Design A. She stated this design offers many different play opportunities and she reviewed photos of the three designs. She said many of the children requested a zip line and KaBOOM! did find a monorail that was included in each of the designs. They also wanted a rock wall and this was incorporated in Design A. It also has a ripple bridge, spin cup, triple racer slide, a play dozer for the smaller children, music store, and a tire swing. She did contact KaBOOM! to inquire if the tire swing could be changed out and have two swings. She advised this was an option.

Commissioner Velazquez said she attended the Design Day and the three teams there agreed upon Design A. She affirmed she was for Design A as it provided everything the three teams wanted.

Commissioner Bankson said he would prefer the two swings over the tire swing.

Commissioner Velazquez said during the group meetings, they felt the tire swing would bring more children together playing as opposed to being restricted to two swings.

Mayor Kilsheimer said in research as it relates to play and children, this park will encourage unconstructed play. Unconstructed play is how children learn how to work things out with each other. He felt the tire swing would be a perfect example of unconstructed play.

Commissioner Dean inquired if each of these stations will be installed in a concrete base.

Dr. Jackson responded in the affirmative.

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Bankson, to pick Design A. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Dean, Velazquez, and Bankson voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

_____/s/_____
Joseph E. Kilsheimer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda F. Goff, City Clerk