

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes January 20, 2005

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Goss at 12:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Bernie Goss
Lenna Watson
Reford Theobald
Tom Dixon
David Detwiler
Dennis Derrieux
Cindy Enos-Martinez

Board Members Absent:

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Joe Stevens, Director
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist
Mari Steinbach, Recreation Superintendent
Traci Altergott, Recreation Supervisor
Stacy Pike, Recreation Leader II

Guests: Senior Recreation Center Board Members:
Don Opp, President
Helen Moon
Merle Nair
Anita Burns

Laura Cook
Lisa Truong, City Youth Council

Item 2: Approve Minutes

David Detwiler moved to approve the December 14, 2004 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Parks Improvement Advisory Board minutes and the December 16, 2004 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Lenna Watson seconded.

Motion adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Yes 6 No 0

Item 3: Discussion of the Role of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

Bernie Goss reported on a January 11, 2005 meeting, at which Bernie Goss, Joe Stevens, Bruce Hill, Kelly Arnold and Cindy Enos-Martinez discussed the communication issues between City Council and the Parks & Recreation Board (PRAB), in hopes of establishing a process of

collaboratively setting the PRAB agendas. Mr. Goss stated the monthly agendas will now include a "Future Meetings Agenda" item, allowing time for input regarding upcoming meeting. Chairman Goss requested the Board members review the PRAB ordinance and bylaws, which were included in the January PRAB packet. Lenna Watson suggested the ordinance and bylaws be given to future PRAB members during the application process, versus after appointment.

Item 4: Senior Recreation Center

Traci Altergott introduced the Senior Recreation Center, Inc. board members that were present. Ms. Altergott briefly discussed the history of the Senior Recreation Center (SRC), as well as the relationship between the Parks & Recreation Department and the SRC. The two entities collaboratively work together to provide affordable senior activities and events to the community. The SRC is a conveniently located activity center for people 55 years or older. The annual membership fee is \$5, although, non-members may pay a \$.25 drop-in fee for each activity. The SRC, Inc. currently budgets \$1,000/year to the SRC to help fund the various activities, including bridge, canasta, bingo, pool, dancing, parties, and more. Don Opp stated the center has volunteers who donate over 100 hours/month. Traci Altergott reported the facility is also used by the Grey Gourmet, currently providing over 8,800 meals a year at the SRC.

Ms. Altergott stated in May 2004, the Senior Recreation Center, Inc. decided to pursue a 400-500 square feet multi-purpose addition to the facility, unfortunately, there is not any funding available for an assessment. Traci Altergott said the goal is to make the best use of the money available without having an assessment. Ms. Altergott reported the project proposals have been received and are currently being reviewed. Traci Altergott said the SRC members are very excited about the upcoming expansion.

Traci Altergott introduced Recreation Leader, Stacy Pike. Mrs. Pike coordinates all of the senior special events, including deuces wild, and the annual Senior Games. In addition, Stacy Pike coordinates the improvements to the SRC's computer lab.

Item 5: Correspondence

Reford Theobold reported the Lion's Club recently awarded \$100,000 in grants to several entities in the Grand Valley. The largest of the grants was a \$40,000 grant awarded to the Grand Junction Parks & Recreation Department for a new toddler pool at Lincoln Park – Moyer Pool. The toddler pool will be a wading facility (zero depth area), with several spray features. The design will have a "lion" theme, in recognition of the Lion's Club's generous grant. Mr. Theobold stated the Lion's Club is very excited about the design and that the project will be completed as soon as possible. The bidding process is scheduled to begin next month. Reford Theobold stated the grants are funded by the annual Lion's Club raffle ticket purchases. This year's Lion's Club carnival will be held on February 19, 2005 at Two Rivers Convention Center.

Lisa Truong, City Youth Council Representative, reported on the successful 2004 New Year's Eve party and thanked the event's sponsors and volunteers. Ms. Truong reported the City Youth Council is currently working on several projects, including rewriting their bylaws, and exploring ideas for events for younger groups.

Mari Steinbach reported the Winter/Spring Activity Guide was released on January 5, 2005. Mrs. Steinbach stated the winter/spring scholarships have been delayed for a few weeks, as the Recreation Division is currently revamping the scholarship program, in hopes of aligning it closer with DHS (Department of Health Services).

Tressa Fisher reported on the status of the Internet registration system, FunnLinkExpress. Mrs. Fisher stated approximately 1,000 people have registered on-line since the system's April 2004 implementation. Tressa Fisher stated the system has had only a couple small glitches, and has received very good feedback from the customers.

Lenna Watson stated she had been contacted regarding the status of the grass and trees at West Lake skate park. Joe Stevens stated he would provide Lenna Watson with the necessary information for her to provide an adequate response.

Mari Steinbach reported the Parks & Recreation Department was recently awarded a \$1,000 grant from the State of Colorado. Stacy Pike, Recreation Leader, applied for the grant to assist in funding the new FallProof program. The program is designed to increase balance and strength training in older adults. Mrs. Pike reported over 25% of older adult emergency and hospital stays are due to falls. The Recreation Division is very excited to offer the much needed FallProof program, which will be available in May 2005.

Dennis Derrieux thanked Reford Theobald and the Lion's Club for the toddler pool grant. Mr. Derrieux also expressed his concern regarding the snow removal from the new track. Dennis Derrieux reported the removed snow is often pink in color, causing concern that damage may be occurring when the snow is manually removed. Joe Stevens stated the snow, if left on, bleaches the track. Mr. Steven's said he was unsure if the snow removal is causing damage and that he would follow-up.

Cindy Enos-Martinez reported Jack Neckels was appointed to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Mrs. Enos-Martinez stated Mr. Neckels is a retired federal employee, who City Council feels will be a great asset to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Item 6: Future Meetings Agenda

Joe Stevens stated Dan Cummings has requested a special Parks Improvement Advisory Board meeting, inviting Bruce Hill, Kelly Arnold, Tim Mills, and Tim Foster, to discuss the status of the Lincoln Park Master Plan. The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board members stated they would like to also be included in the special meeting. Joe Stevens will notify the Board members once the final date and time has been confirmed.

Item 7: Dedication of Senior Recreation Center Mural

Don Opp reported on the SRC's recently completed mural. The artist, Laura Cook, began painting the mural in July 2004. Laura Cook stated she was happy to do the mural and had many good experiences while completing the project. Don Opp also thanked Jack Drake, who graciously loaned his scaffolding to the SRC for six months.

Item 8: Adjourn

Chairman Goss asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Reford Theobald moved and Dennis Derrieux seconded. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher
Administrative Specialist