

# **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes June 2, 2011**

## **Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by Lenna Watson at 12:05 p.m.**

### Roll Call

Board Members Present: Lenna Watson  
Dr. William Findlay  
David McInay  
Yvette Carnine  
Scott Coleman  
Jim Doody (Ex-Officio)

Board Members Absent: Tawny Espinoza  
Bart Dickson

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director  
Tressa Fisher, Administrative Specialist  
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent  
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent  
Emily Wright, Recreation Supervisor

Guests: FCI Constructors, Inc  
Cassie Mothersell  
Jesus Esqueda

## **Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Dr. William Findlay moved to approve the May 5, 2011 Parks & Recreation Advisory Board minutes. Dave McInay seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Motion adopted by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: 5 Yes 0 No

## **Item 3: Introduction and Welcoming of Councilman Jim Doody**

The Board members welcomed Jim Doody as the new City Council representative and introductions took place. Mr. Doody expressed his gratitude and said he is willing and able to assist the Board and City Council as best as he can. Welcome Jim Doody!

## **Item 4: Parks and Recreation Outstanding Partner Award – FCI Constructors, Inc.**

Emily Wright presented FCI Constructors, Inc. with the Outstanding Parks Partner award, thanking them for their sponsorship and continuous support of numerous Recreation programs and events. In addition to being a 10 year sponsor of the Senior Games, and a big supporter of the Bookcliff Activity Center, FCI regularly provides fencing and sets up for the Department's large events, such as Southwest Arborfest and Pork and Hops. Rob Schoeber also discussed the current work FCI is doing on the stadium project, stating they have been nothing but "easy to work with" on such a significantly large project.

### **Item 5: Yard of the Month Program**

Mike Vendegna provided a brief overview of the Yard of the Month program, stating it is designed to recognize properties of homeowners who do an excellent job of designing and taking care of their landscaping. Partners of the program include the Forestry Board, Parks and Recreation, and the Daily Sentinel. The program runs May thru September and is advertised on Saturdays in the newspaper, allowing the public to nominate anyone, including yards of people they may not know. The nomination forms are completed and mailed to the Parks and Recreation office. Mike Vendegna requested assistance from the Board members, as additional judges are needed to rate the properties, based on the provided criteria, and meet to select a winner. The property nominations are split up between the judges and maps are provided to assist in finding the locations. The judges are given signs to post on the property (gate, door, etc.), notifying the homeowner they have been nominated. The winner's pictures are published in the Daily Sentinel and a sign is posted in their yard for a month. The Board members all expressed interest in participating as judges; Tressa Fisher will forward the Board's contact information to the Forestry Board.

### **Item 6: Park Inventory and Future Needs Assessment Update**

Rob Schoeber passed around a copy of the most recent Parks Inventory and Future Needs Assessment, which is being presented to City Council tomorrow. The Board members will receive their own copy at next month's meeting. Mr. Schoeber stated the project was a great learning opportunity and thanked the Board for their input and support throughout the process.

### **Item 7: Project Updates**

Traci Wieland provided a brief update on the Recreation programs, stating summer softball teams are currently up seven teams from last year (currently at 143 teams), and said 196 athletes are currently signed up for the Highline Hustle Triathlon. The SCORE camp's first week of baseball camp has doubled in participation, and the newly added horseback riding classes have been so popular they had to add another six classes. The new chess camp has 36 kids registered already, and the Recreation Division is currently planning for the annual Backyard Campout in June. This year's campout will be held on the National Monument, due to the new partnership between the Monument and the Parks and Recreation Department. Another new change this year is the offering of "Stimulus Saturdays" at Lincoln Park-Moyer Pool, in which all kids are free if accompanied by a paying adult. The hope is to encourage more "families" to come to the pool and swim on Saturdays.

Scott Coleman requested a permanent agenda item of "Other Business" or "For the Good of the Community" be added to the Board agendas each month. Mr. Coleman stated he recently had a citizen contact him regarding a letter about Amore Arciere, stating the man had donated money to the City prior to his death and at one time the City discussed naming a park after him, yet nothing was done. Rob Schoeber stated he would research the issue for next month's meeting.

The ongoing parking issues along G Road at Canyon View Park were discussed, as people are continuing to park along the South side of G Road. This is not allowed, due to safety concerns with G Road being a major road and it having a 45 mile an hour speed limit. Rob Schoeber reported there are currently 1,400 parking spaces on the park property, and the police have been directed to drive through the park to ensure there are truly open spots available prior to ticketing. Dr. Findlay stated the parking shortage often occurs during the overlap when teams are getting there early, before the previous teams are leaving. The City is currently reviewing numerous alternatives to assist with the problem, including the option of changing the parking to "diagonal only" along the North side of G Road.

**Item 8: Future Agenda Items**

Amore Arciere Follow-up

Matchett Park Neighborhood Meeting Follow-up

**Item 9: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tressa Fisher

Administrative Specialist