

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes

Regular Meeting – June 1, 2017

Meeting Location: Parks and Recreation Admin Conference Room

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Kyle Emert
Marc Litzen
Gary Schroen
Sam Susuras
Barbara Traylor Smith
Bob Wiig

Board Members Absent: Abby Landmeier
Scott McBrayer

Parks & Recreation Staff Present: Rob Schoeber, Director
Mike Vendegna, Parks Superintendent
Traci Wieland, Recreation Superintendent
Allison Little, Administrative Specialist

Item 1: Meeting Called to Order by acclimation at 12:02 p.m.

Item 2: Introductions

The Board welcomed Barbara Traylor Smith to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and introduced themselves.

Item 3: Approve Minutes

Sam Susuras made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Gary Schroen and carried unanimously.

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

Item 4: 2018 Proposed Fees & Charges

Rob talked with the Board about the structure of the department's fees and charges document. The structure has changed from previous versions. Instead of having fees separated by area; like fees are now grouped together and listed one time (instead of one time in each area). Gary Schroen asked if revenues cover expenses. Mike Vendegna explained that the department does depend on the General Fund for a subsidy and works hard to recover as many expenses as possible while still providing valuable services to the community. Sam Susuras made a motion that the Board approve the 2018 proposed Fees and Charges. The motion was seconded by Bob Wiig and approved unanimously.

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

Item 5: Thunder Valley Subdivision Open Space Dedication

Mike Vendegna talked with Board members about a piece of property in the Thunder Valley subdivision that the developer would like to donate to off-set 70% of the open space fees required for this development. (The remaining 30% will be paid as usual.) The development is

within the City limits and falls within the 201 Utility boundary and could also provide some north/south urban trail connection. The proposed donation is a wash with steep sides and mature trees plus a 15 foot easement at the top of the wash for a potential trail development. Board members questioned whether some remediation should be required before the City accepts responsibility for the land or if the easement could be separated from the wash to create safer trail and potentially a safe route to Thunder Mountain Elementary. Board members would like to revisit this item at next month's meeting with input from the Planning Department.

Item 6: Calendar Updates

Rob Schoeber talked with the Board about some upcoming dates on the calendar. On Monday, June 5, there is a City Council Workshop at 5:30pm. Council will be hearing information related to e-bikes on the trail as well as about the Riverfront Commission's rebranding plan. Council will also hear a presentation from the PLACE committee that will culminate in a request for the City to apply for a DOLA grant to match funds they have raised toward a feasibility study for a Community Recreation Center. On July 6 there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Las Colonias Amphitheater.

Item 7: For the Good of the Community

Board members appreciated the vendors selected for JUCO. Rob Schoeber reminded the board that JUCO vendors are selected by a group comprised of two JUCO committee members, and one member from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Parks and Recreation staff also helps facilitate the process.

Item 7: Adjourn

The meeting adjourned by acclimation at 1:02 p.m.

Next meeting: July 6, 2017 at 12:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Little
Administrative Specialist