



Minutes

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD Monday, March 13, 2006

Advisory board members present:

Shyra Eichhorn, Gary Bell, Bill Little, Butch Knowlton, Chris Thomas

Advisory board members absent: None

Staff present: Silas Bowers/Parks & Recreation Supervisor

City Council present: None

Guests present: None

The meeting was called to order by Bill Little at 7:11 PM.

The meeting minutes from February, 2006 were reviewed and spelling corrections were made.

Motion: Shyra Eichhorn moved to approve the minutes. Gary Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Bill Little opened discussion about park liaison reports. Shyra spoke at her respective HOA meeting and questions were answered about the tennis courts and park signs. Gary received one phone call since the last meeting with a general park question.

The meeting continued with discussions revolving around generating more revenue. Bill and Shyra mentioned park rentals and vending machines as possible revenue generators. Silas informed the Board that the potential for vending machines does exist, but will take time to become a reality. The Board feels the need for vending machines, especially in the Library Park and Village Green (splash pad) locations.

Motion: Gary Bell moved that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board requests Staff and City Council to entertain a soft drink vending program, with revenues going directly to parks and recreation budget. Chris Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chris spoke about neighbors asking her about McDonald's and their proximity to Murphy's Park, stating a concern for litter problems. The Board discussed presenting this to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Chris also brought to discussion feedback she has received from program participants, stating that some instructors do not seem to be as good as others. Shyra asked if we screen or evaluate instructors prior to allowing them to become associated with us. Silas informed everyone we do not screen or run background checks on any contracted instructors, although there is always a Staff member present during youth programs. Shyra also inquired about our evaluation process for programs. Silas said we have gotten away from the traditional paper evaluation and we've been evaluating programs through oral communication with participants and parents. Shyra

volunteered to help with the evaluations, stating she thinks they are extremely important to improve the quality of our programs.

Chris and the rest of the Board would like to explore the idea of doing the brochure electronically, in order to save money and increase efficiency. The idea will be presented to Jeff Snyder by Silas.

Butch provided an update on the Veteran's Memorial, stating they are almost at \$100,000. Once they get to \$125,000, construction can begin.

Bill informed the Board of his intentions to step down as Chairman of the Board.

Motion: Gary Bell moved to nominate Shyra Eichhorn to be Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Butch Knowlton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Butch Knowlton moved to nominate Gary Bell as the Board's Representative to the Development Committee. Shyra Eichhorn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chris suggested adding more members to the Board. Bill led a discussion on the Board's focus. The Board agreed to come up with a focus for the future intentions of the meetings.

There being no further Advisory Board business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Bill Little, Chairperson