

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
May 4, 2009
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mrs. Linda Teener, Mr. Bruce McMillan, Mr. Oscar Montenegro, Mr. Curt Herrman, Mr. Reed Scott, and Mr. Walt Pesaresi. Ms. DeAnn Waldron was absent. Also present at this meeting was Mr. Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Eddie Eastes, Park Superintendent; Mr. Mike Buchanan, Recreation Superintendent; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; Ms. Barb Smith, Animal Technician II; and Ms. Allie Lousch, Marketing/Development Officer. Josh and Beniah Wilson, Youth-in-Government.

MINUTES

Mrs. Teener called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. Herrman, seconded by Mr. Montenegro to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on April 6, 2009. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

MAYOR STRAWN

The Board welcomed Mayor Strawn to the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBER REED SCOTT

Ms. Teener and Mayor Strawn presented Mr. Scott with a plaque and thanked him for his years of service serving on the board.

MEET THE STAFF AND REVIEW

Ms. Lousch explained her responsibilities as the Marketing/Development Officer for Sunset Zoo. Ms. Smith explained her responsibilities as Animal Technician II.

Discussion was held and questions were answered at that time.

DISC GOLF

Mr. Mark Kewley and Mr. Rick Petrie provided an update on their findings of other disc golf courses in other communities. Discussion was held on cost, location, and safety concerns.

It was moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Herrman to have the disc golf group work with City Administration to implement a nine-hole disc golf course at Little Warner Park. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

MCC Update

Mr. Buchanan updated the board on the latest information. The board suggested that City Administration move forward with discussions with MCC.

NO SMOKING POLICY

The board reviewed the two options included in their packets and suggested to move forward with the following language:

The use of tobacco products is prohibited at all events and activities scheduled at/or in Manhattan Parks and Recreation Department facilities.

GREEN INNOVATION PROJECT GRANT (Retention Pond for Splash Park Water)

Mr. Loupe explained the process for the retention pond. Discussion was held and questions were answered at that time. The board supported the process.

MISCELLANEOUS

Discussion was held on City Park Pool and if anything could be done to get the amenities back into the pool. Mr. Loupe explained that the 50 meter design has been approved by the City Commission. Further discussion was held and questions answered at that time.

The meeting was adjourned.