

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
NOVEMBER 7, 2011
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members: Ms. Linda Teener, Ms. Stacy Mackey, Mr. Bruce McMillan, and Ms. Ashalen Sims. Mr. Oscar Montenegro, Mr. Walt Pesaresi, and Mr. Curt Herrman were absent. Present at this meeting was Mr. Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Eddie Eastes, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Mike Buchanan, Recreation Superintendent; and Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Dave Baker, Director of Douglass Center; and Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor. Visitors included Mr. Zach Polson, Intern, and Mr. Scott Munsen.

MINUTES

Ms. Teener called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Ms. Mackey to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 3, 2011. On vote, motion carried 4-0. Ms. Teener added two items to the agenda: Blue Earth Plaza and Recreation updates.

SHADE SHELTER DONATION – FRIENDS OF BRETT BOLTON

Mr. Munsen explained that the Friends of Brett Bolton group was interested in constructing a shelter at CiCo Park in Brett Bolton's memory. He stated that the goal is to raise \$5,000 toward the project, to possibly be matched by Park Matching Funds. He stated that the group is very appreciative of the Park Matching Fund to help bring this project to fruition. Discussion was held on the location and size of the shelter. Mr. Loupe explained that City Administration would work with the group on these issues.

It was moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Ms. Mackey to endorse the project and allow matching funds for the shelter to be constructed at CiCo Park. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

DOUGLASS CENTER OVERVIEW

Mr. Baker discussed the goals of the Douglass Center. He stated that donations have been received to renovate the gym with new paint, resurfacing of the flooring, and two new backboards. A new television has also been purchased. The hours are Monday-Thursday – 3-9 p.m.; Friday – 3-7 p.m.; Saturday – 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and closed Sunday.

UPDATE ON SUNSET ZOO PROJECTS

Mr. Shoemaker presented a slide presentation of the education building and Gibbon Exhibit. He explained that Sunset Zoo has received a \$90,000 matching grant from the Peine Foundation for distant learning, which will provide an interactive, outreach program. Spooktacular was very successful with approximately 5,500 people in attendance. Military Appreciation Day will be held on November 11, 2011.

BLUE EARTH PLAZA

Mr. Eastes presented a slide presentation of Blue Earth Plaza. He stated that the fire place is working and the water feature is installed.

RECREATION UPDATE

Mr. Buchanan introduced Mr. Polson to the board. The ice rink will open on November 17, 2011 for the season. New lights have been installed at the City Auditorium and ten scoreboards have been purchased for ballfields.

MISCELLANEOUS

Future agenda items – Goodnow Park, Depot, shade structure

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. ??? inquired about the proposal for the bike trail.

Mr. Loupe updated the board on the flag plaza, Anneberg Park roadway, and the pedestrian lighting in City Park.

It was moved by Ms. Mackey, seconded by Ms. Sims to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 4-0.