

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
MAY 7, 2012
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members: Ms. Stacy Mackey, Mr. Bruce McMillan, Ms. Ashalen Sims, Mr. Oscar Montenegro, Mr. Curt Herrman, and Ms. Linda Teener. Mr. Walt Pesaresi was absent. Present at this meeting was Mr. Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Eddie Eastes, Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Sunset Zoo Director; Mr. Mike Buchanan, Recreation Superintendent; Mr. Chuck DePrima, Park Planner; and Ms. Ginny Pape, Recreation Coordinator.

MINUTES

Ms. 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 March 5, 2012. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

BICYCLE POLO REQUEST UPDATE

Mr. Loupe gave an update regarding the bicycle polo request. After meeting with the group, it was determined that the CiCo Park tennis courts could be used as a playing field, at least until the courts are re-surfaced.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Mr. DePrima, the new Park Planner, and Ms. Pape, the new Recreation Coordinator introduced themselves to the Board and gave a summary of their job duties.

BLUE EARTH PLAZA AND SUNSET ZOO RENTAL FEES

The Board reviewed rental information and forms for the Blue Earth Plaza and Sunset Zoo. Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Loupe, and Mr. Eastes answered questions from the Board. It was moved by Mr. Herrman, seconded by Ms. Sims, to approve the Blue Earth Plaza and Sunset Zoo rental fees as presented. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

UNION PACIFIC TRAIN DEPOT UPDATE

Mr. Buchanan gave an update regarding the structural challenges of the Depot. A date to crawl under the Depot for inspection needs to be set.

2012 SWIM SEASON UPDATE

Mr. Loupe gave hi-lites from the 2011 swim season report, and mentioned the scholarship program policy in place. The report will go to the City Commission to decide on pool subsidy policies. A brief update was given on Mr. Kelly Cook, who has been hired as the new Aquatics Supervisor.

MISCELLANEOUS

Future agenda item – tour of the Sunset Zoo Education Center

OTHER BUSINESS

The Splash Park will tentatively open for the season on May 18. The Sunset Zoo Education Center's grand opening will be held on June 3. The "Wine in the Wild" event at the Zoo will be held on June 2.

It was moved by Mr. Herrman, seconded by Ms. Sims, to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 6-0.