

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
September 9, 2013
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Ms. Linda Teener, Mr. Bruce McMillan, Ms. Ashalen Sims, Mr. Dave Schafer, Mr. Aaron Estabrook, and Ms. Marcia Rozell. Mr. Oscar Montenegro was absent. Also present at this meeting were: Mr. Jason Hilgers, Deputy City Manager; Mr. Eddie Eastes, Interim Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Park Planner; Mr. Fred Goss, Flint Hills Discovery Center Director; Ms. Jerri Hager, Development Officer, Mr. Kelly Walters, Recreation Supervisor and Ms. Chrissy Kramer, Administrative Assistant. Guests were: Ms. Kathy Dzewaltowski, President, Manhattan Riley County Preservation Alliance.

MINUTES

Ms. Teener called the meeting to order. It was moved by Ms. Sims, seconded by Mr. Schafer, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 5, 2013. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Teener introduced Mr. Aaron Estabrook and Ms. Marcia Rozell to the Board.

ELECTION OFFICERS

Ms. Teener opened discussion for a Chairperson. It was moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Schafer, to have Ms. Teener continue as Chairperson. On vote, motion carried 6-0. It was moved by Mr. Schafer, seconded by Ms. Rozell, to nominate Ms. Sims to be the Vice-Chairperson. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF

Mr. Thompson gave an update on the Longs Park development progress to include new construction improvements. An unidentified donor has stepped forward to donate additional items for Longs Park. A meeting with said Donor will be held for further discussions. Discussions were held.

FLINT HILLS DISCOVERY CENTER (FHDC) UPDATE

Mr. Goss introduced himself and Ms. Hager to the board. He presented updates on the FHDC to include ideas, upcoming programs, and traveling exhibitions for the next 2-3 years. He stated that volunteers have a value of \$83,345.50 and certification programs for volunteers should be considered. Family Day will be held on September 29, 2013, from 12:00 to 5:00 with free admission to the FHDC.

PEACE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM UPDATE

Ms. Dzewaltowski approached the board to discuss the vote of the City Commission on September 3, 2013. It was mentioned that Commissioner Jankovitz discussed the opportunity that people were willing to be involved with the auditorium. Mr. Hilgers also provided an update that the Commission will proceed with Bruce McMillan Architects to start over with alternatives and the design of the auditorium. Mr. Estabrook asked questions about the city schools and usage of school gyms. Discussions ensued about the demand for usage of gyms and as the population grows, gym space is needed and being explored.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Thompson provided information and updates on the CiCo Park-Bolton Memorial. Ms. Teener asked about the Monthly Report and to receive an update from the animal shelter as a future agenda item.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Eastes discussed the closing of the pools for the season. He wanted the new members to be aware of the condensed version of the monthly report.

Mr. Walters gave an update on fall sports and the upcoming fall/winter events. A Request for Proposal has been advertised to provide soft drinks on a five year contract.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.