

MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY COMMISSION ROOM  
OCTOBER 7, 2013  
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Ms. Linda Teener, Mr. Bruce McMillan, Mr. Dave Schafer, Mr. Ed Klimek, and Mr. Aaron Estabrook. Ms. Marcia Rozell and Ms. Ashalen Sims were 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. Kelly Cook, Recreation Supervisor, Mr. Willie Davila, Animal Shelter/Control Supervisor, and Ms. Chrissy Kramer, Administrative Assistant.

MINUTES

Ms. Teener called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. Schafer, seconded by Mr. McMillan, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on September 9, 2013. On vote, motion carried 5-0. Ms. Teener introduced Mr. Ed Klimek to the Board to replace Mr. Oscar Montenegro who resigned.

POOL YEAR END REPORT

Mr. Eastes opened discussion about the 2013 post season. Ideas and options were discussed for 2014; including different passes, such as a punch, family, or standard pricing and what would benefit staff and citizens. Discussion was held to use a wrist pass for leaving and re-entering the pool and remodeling the entryway for easier admittance. Mr. Eastes discussed the budget and expenses for the pools; bonds and reserves for the pools were also discussed. Mr. Klimek commented on the decrease in revenue for the year. Mr. Cook mentioned that bad weather this year as well as mechanical issues occurred. Northview pool remained open on weekends through Labor Day. It was moved by Ms. Teener, seconded by Mr. McMillan to explore affordable admission prices. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

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Mr. Davila gave an update on the operations of the Animal Shelter. He stated that the T. Russell Reitz Animal Shelter was recognized as one of the best in the United States by Purina and was given a \$25,000 grant from Petco. Due to this funding, old cages were removed and 90 new cages were purchased in December 2012. Santa Claus & Paws will be held again with Cox Communications sponsoring the event.

CONCESSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Mr. Eastes discussed the RFP for the concession stand. The City Commission should recommend Pepsi for a one-year contract with an option of multi-use years at their meeting on October 15, 2013. Mr. McMillan discussed healthy choices for the concession stands.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Eastes discussed current events in the city regarding land use; Zoo updates including Safari Days, Spooktacular, and the Gibbon Exhibit construction being done.

Mr. Thompson stated that Longs Park is still under construction. Mr. Buchanan discussed the triathlon and ideas to promote healthy lifestyles.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Hilgers updated the Board on the status of a new Parks and Recreation Director, which has been narrowed down to five applicants.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.