

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
FEBRUARY 3, 2014
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, Mr. Aaron Estabrook, Ms. Marcia Rozell, and Ms. Ashalen Sims. Also present at this meeting were: Mr. Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Park Planner; Mr. Mike Buchanan, Recreation Superintendent, Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Fred Goss, Flint Hills Discovery Center Director; and Ms. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor. Visitors present: Mr. Jeremy Merrill, Ms. Gail Urban, and Mr. Rick Petrie.

MINUTES

Ms. Teener called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Ms. Sims to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 6, 2014. On vote, motion carried 7-0.

DESIGN DAYS

Mr. Jeremy Merrill, doctoral student with KSU College of Architecture, Planning and Design, described the Design Day event, which was held during Purple Power Play in City Park in August. He stated that “wishes” were collected from Manhattan residents through Twitter, Face book, and wish boxes placed throughout the community. Over 500 wishes were collected ranging from transportation, green space/trails, water features, dog parks, etc. Mr. Merrill distributed the listing to the board for their review. Board Members thanked Mr. Merrill for presenting these findings to the board.

FIELDHOUSE PROJECT UPDATE

Ms. Gail Urban explained the process for the Fieldhouse Project. A survey was sent out with approximately 2,300 responses received. A consultant was hired and directed to develop a concept with the most economic benefit and positive bottom line. The suggestion would be to have Parks and Recreation utilize the space Monday-Thursday and competitive competition use on Friday-Sunday. Ms. Urban showed the flyover file of the concept. The board held considerable discussion and questions were answered at that time. It was suggested to integrate the current plans together and to develop a formal process to the City Commission to keep moving forward.

Mr. McMillan reminded the board of the public meeting on the Peace Memorial Auditorium on February 5, 2014.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Eastes stated that a Request for Proposals for the Goodnow Park Cabin will be developed soon. The building was placed on the Historical Register on January 8, 2014.

Mr. Shoemaker stated that the main focus for the zoo has been to keep the animals warm.

Mr. Goss informed the board of Football Exhibit KSU Day on February 8, 2014. A group of Motor coach Operators will tour Manhattan in hopes of bringing tours to the area.

Mr. Thompson discussed the facilities tour and locations to tour. He stated that the Manhattan Urban Comprehensive Plan is currently underway and there are four areas for Parks and Recreation: **Maintaining and enhancing existing parks, recreation, and natural resources; *Addressing future parks and recreation needs, especially in new growth areas; *Improving connections to and between existing facilities; *Increasing emphasis in Comprehensive Plan on Parks and Recreation (limited in 2003).*

Mr. Buchanan stated that staff attended the KRPA Conference in Wichita the end of January. The Falcons Flag Football was presented the Youth Sportsmanship Award. Just Tri It, youth triathlon program, was presented the Innovative New Program Award from the Recreation Branch.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Eastes explained that there is \$200,000 for CiCo and Northview Pools, and \$200,000 for City Park Pool to provide seating, shade, and painting of City Park Pool.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Petrie informed the board of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the expanded disc golf course at Fairmont Park on February 22, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.