

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
November 3, 2014
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Ed Klimek, Ms. Marcia Rozell, Ms. Linda Teener, Mr. Bruce McMillan, Mr. Dave Schafer, and Ms. Pat Hudgins. Mr. Mark Bachamp was absent.

Also present: Mr. Eddie Eastes, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Casey Smithson, Park Superintendent; Mr. Fred Goss, Flint Hills Discovery Center Director; Mr. Wyatt Thompson, Park Planner; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Sunset Zoo Director; Mr. Chris Curtis, Recreation Superintendent; Ms. Angie Sutton, Director, Community Relations; Mr. Brian Johnson, City Engineer; Mr. Robert Ott, Director of Public Works, Mr. Kiel Mangus, Assistant City Manager, and Ms. Chrissy Kramer, Administrative Assistant.

Visitors: Ms. Ann Cush, citizen; Mr. Jeff Hancock, SMH Consultants and Jennifer Hancock, SMH Consultants

Minutes

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

City Park Pool Parking Lot

Mr. Eastes gave a brief background of the updates on the City Pool Parking area. A public meeting will be held on 11/6/2014 and the project will be placed on the City Commission work agenda set for 11/25/14. Mr. Eastes would like input from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Mr. Mangus introduced himself to the board and stated he wants feedback from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. He further Mr. Hancock, who is the consultant on the project to give an update to the board regarding this project. Mr. Hancock showed a slide presentation showing line of events, goals and two alternative plans as follows:

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| Alternative #1 Estimated costs: \$1.154 million Change in greenspace: 13.700 Sq Parking Stalls: 219 (+73) |
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| Alternative #2 Estimated costs: \$1,189 million Change in green space: 5.100 Sq Parking Stalls: 233 (+87) |
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After lengthy discussions as well as questions to Mr. Ott, Director of Public Works, it was the decision of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to recommend to the City Commission Alternative #2.

Parks and Recreation Strategic Facility Improvement Update

Mr. Thompson gave a presentation on the status of the project. A survey will be sent out in early January, 2015. Mr. Thompson discussed the Steering Committee, the guided tour and the first committee meeting went well. The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2014, at 5:00 pm. Mr. Thompson would like the Advisory Board to review the documents on the Manhattan360 website prior to public viewing.

Monthly Report

Mr. Curtis stated that the aquatics report is being worked and will provide as soon as possible. Mr. Klimek commented on the Salina sports facility being built. Mr. Curtis stated that it will cost approximately \$9 million dollars for the Salina facility.

Mr. Smithson advised that Blue Earth was closed and winterized last week. Leaf removal begins in all the parks. The new shade/structures at City Pool will be ready for the summer, 2015. Mr. Curtis mentioned that the ice rink was being set up and appreciated the help of the Parks staff.

Mr. Shoemaker stated Spooktacular set a new record with over 5500 people participating in the 2 day event. Starting November 1, Sunset Zoo will begin winter hours of Noon-5 pm. November 9 is Military Day, at the zoo with free admission to military personnel.

Mr. Eastes advised that Mr. Goss left early and that the Flint Hills Discovery Center will have free admission for Veterans on Veterans Day.

Mr. Klimek noticed Ms. Sutton and asked how things were coming along with her new position. Ms. Sutton stated that she was getting settled and working on a new look for the 2015 Winter/Spring Brochure to be out in early January

Future Agenda

Mr. Eastes stated the Goodnow Boy Scout Cabin is being reviewed by the City Attorney's office and is hopeful that something can be brought to the Advisory Board for review in early 2015. The Warner Park retention basin information was forwarded to the Homeowners Association. Public Works Department is wanting to make sure the Association is represented properly and will be requesting questions and comments be submitted to bring back to the Advisory Board in January or February.

Other Business

City Pool Passes – Mr. Eastes stated that the pool passes will be a non-transferrable pass which was approved by the City Commission. Patrons who have an existing credit will be allowed to use those credits for the year 2015. City Pool daily fees will not change as well as single season passes. Staff was approved to develop a group season pass. This discussion will be brought back to the Advisory Board for resolution. Mr. Eastes mentioned that the new city offices were going before the City Commission for review and discussion on November 4, 2014.

Before adjournment, Mr. Klimek asked the panel if they would like a regular advisory board meeting or if they should only have the joint City Commission meeting being held on December 9, 2014. The board agreed to have the joint meeting unless something comes up.

Public Comment

Ms. Cush requested information about the Goodnow Boy Scout Cabin and wanted to know if the Riley County Historical Society will be advised about the changes and also have access to the Request for Proposals. Mr. Eastes stated that the City Attorney reviewed and the changes are in tune with normal requests for possible uses and if there is a potential need and usage for the cabin. The Advisory Board will review any documents prior to public release.

Mr. Klimek mentioned the City of Lawrence having a new recreational facility which opened in September and requested Mr. Eastes update the advisory board on information about the facility. Mr. Klimek also asked Mr. Nelson to keep the advisory board updated about the new Salina recreational facility project.

Meeting adjourned.