

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
JANUARY 3, 2005
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Bruce McMillan, Mr. Roger Brannan, Mr. Reed Scott, and Mr. Randy Martin. Ms. Marie Steichen, Mrs. Beverly Page, and Ms. Jean Darbyshire were absent. Also present at this meeting was Mr. Terry DeWeese, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; Mr. Ivan Wilkinson, Recreation Superintendent; and Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor.

Mr. McMillan called the meeting to order.

Ms. Brianna Olds, Youth in Government, was introduced to the Board.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 6, 2004. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; Mr. Ivan Wilkinson, Recreation Superintendent; and Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor; gave staff reports.

Mr. Shoemaker explained that Rachel Soash, Curator of Education, was elected to serve on two committees. Mr. Wilkinson stated that Mike Buchanan, Assistant Recreation Superintendent, was elected as an At-Large Member of Kansas Recreation and Park Association (KRPA). Mr. Wilkinson will serve as President of KRPA in 2005.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP)

Mr. DeWeese explained the process of the CIP. He stated that a list of projects and equipment would be presented to the Board at the February meeting.

The Board held discussion and questions were answered at that time.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Mr. DeWeese explained that the City Commission had requested additional information at the Work Session on December 14, 2004.

Mr. DeWeese stated that it would cost approximately \$30,000-35,000 to develop a Master Plan of City Park and would take three-four months to complete. Mr. DeWeese provided layouts of City, Griffith, and CiCo Parks and examples of how much space would be taken up with an indoor facility and parking lot.

Mr. DeWeese informed the Board that he was waiting to hear from the Riley County Park Board to see if they had interest in considering the indoor facility on Riley County land in CiCo Park.

Mr. DeWeese presented square footage cost estimates on renovating City Park Pool or integrating the pool into an indoor facility. Indoor pool space would run an estimated \$250-\$350 per square foot and outdoor space would be \$200-\$300 per square foot. City Administration recommended that City Pool not be renovated whether it was left as an outdoor pool with some additional entertainment features or incorporated into an indoor pool. It would be more cost efficient to build a new pool whether it is indoors or outdoors. Mr. DeWeese stated that indoor space would run an estimated \$170 per square foot.

Square footage, layout, and location of the Zoo Education facility will be provided at the February Board meeting. Cost estimates, possible location, and size of a 4-6 soccer field location will also be discussed at the February Board meeting.

City Administration will be asking for recommendations from the Board at the February meeting, so another joint meeting with the City Commission can be planned early in March.

Information will be brought to the Board at the February meeting on the following:

- Zoo Education Building space
- Square footage for rooms in the indoor facility
- Further discussion on a site
- Fairmont Park as possible soccer field site

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Martin inquired about the non-resident fee. Mr. DeWeese explained that the information was submitted to the City Manager and the City Commission is not interested in discussing the non-resident fee at this time.

Mr. Brannan congratulated Staff on their accomplishments.

The meeting was adjourned.