

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
FEBRUARY 4, 2002
4:30 P.M.

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

Ms. Darbyshire called the meeting to order. Ms. Darbyshire introduced Mr. McMillan, new Board Member, to the Board.

MINUTES

Ms. Page amended the minutes to include "City Administration's priorities" in the discussion on the Capital Improvements Program. It was moved by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Page to approve the minutes, as amended, of the Regular Meeting held on January 7, 2002. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Ivan Wilkinson, Recreation Superintendent; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Jerry Dishman, Park Superintendent; Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; and Mr. Terry DeWeese, Director; gave staff reports.

HOME DEPOT DEVELOPMENT

Mr. DeWeese explained that the Board was reviewing this issue due to the Linear Park Trail. He explained that City Administration has evaluated the site and recommends not connecting the current Linear Park Trail to this site. Mr. DeWeese introduced Mr. Sam Malinowsky, Kaw Valley Engineering, to the Board. The Board held discussion and questions were answered at that time.

It was moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Brannan to recommend to the Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board that there not be a pedestrian link to the Linear Park Trail on the Home Depot development site. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

WARNER MEMORIAL PARK

Ms. Darbyshire opened the floor for discussion by the public. Hearing no comments from the public, she explained that the Board had voted unanimously at the meeting on January 7, 2002 to approve the ten-year plan for Warner Memorial Park. The Board reviewed the ten-year plan and made two changes to the document. The final draft will be presented to the City Commission at a Work Session on February 12, 2002.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP)

Mr. DeWeese explained that a list of items that were either cut or delayed in the 2002 budget and City Administration's priorities were included in the Board's packet. He explained that the first priority would be any projects that help City Administration maintain what we currently have; examples – zoo perimeter fence, sidewalk repair, roadway and trail repair, playgrounds, sports lighting, arts in the park stage, etc. The second priority would be new projects; examples – renovation of the Frick Building, ADA restroom, gift shop, and administrative building at the zoo, irrigation needs, etc. He stated that the Board would also need to determine where the improvements being considered for Warner Memorial Park are on the Board's priorities.

Each Board Member discussed their priorities for the CIP.

Sue Moldrup explained that she was happy with the plans for Longs Park.

Bill Warner, 1907 Bluestem Terrace, explained that the Board not delay funding too long for Warner Memorial Park.

Tom Boller, 2904 Hickory Court, spoke in favor of not spending any money at Warner Memorial Park.

It was moved by Ms. Page, seconded by Mr. McMillan to have Chairperson Darbyshire prepare a letter to the City Commission outlining the Board's recommendations for the 2003-2008 Capital Improvements Program ranked as follows: 1) safety; 2) maintenance; 3) upgrade; 4) new projects. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Future agenda items – Ms. Darbyshire asked the Board to review the future agenda items listed on the agenda and to make suggestions for items to be discussed at the March meeting. The Board suggested discussing the zoning subdivision regulations, sidewalks for the Linear Park Trail, and receiving an update on department activities at the March meeting.

Mr. Brannan inquired about discussing the future of the Douglass Pool at a future meeting. The Board will be discussing the condition/use of all the City's pools.

It was moved by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. McMillan to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

Approved by Chairperson Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board

Date