

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
FEBRUARY 7, 2005
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Bruce McMillan, Mr. Roger Brannan, and Mr. Reed Scott. Ms. Marie Steichen, Mrs. Beverly Page, and Ms. Jean Darbyshire reported later. Mr. Randy Martin was 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; Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor; and Ms. Brianna Olds, Youth in Government.

Mr. McMillan called the meeting to order.

STAFF REPORTS

Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor; Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; and Mr. Ivan Wilkinson, Recreation Superintendent; gave staff reports. Mr. Wilkinson informed the Board that Mrs. Melanie Godsey, Recreation Supervisor, received the Outstanding New Professional Award at the KRPA Conference. Mr. Mike Buchanan, Assistant Recreation Superintendent, was nominated as an At-Large Member for the Board of Directors of KRPA. Mr. Wilkinson will serve as President of KRPA for 2005.

The Board congratulated Staff on their achievements.

Mr. DeWeese explained that the Celebrate 150! Activities will be held in City Park. He also explained that he and Mr. McMillan would be traveling to Topeka to testify on Senate Bill 87, which supports funding for Wildlife and Parks.

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It was moved by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 3, 2005. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM (CIP)

The 2006-2011 CIP was included in the Board's packet for their review.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Mr. DeWeese explained that he, Bruce McMillan, and Commissioner Klimek presented the Community Needs Assessment Report at the Chamber Leadership Summit in January. The report was well received by approximately 140 business leaders.

Mr. DeWeese informed the Board that a letter was received from the Riley County Park Board stating that there is no interest in building the indoor facility at CiCo Park on county land.

Mr. DeWeese reported on the information that the Board had requested at the January meeting.

He explained that the recommended square footage for the Zoo Education Facility would be 4,159 square feet, which would allow for future expansion. The Boys and Girls Club needs approximately 6,000 square feet. Six gymnasiums would utilize 42,000 square feet, four gymnasiums would utilize 27,500 square feet, and swimming pool space would utilize approximately 28,000 square feet. City Administration recommends hiring a consultant to conduct a public process to complete a preliminary design and cost estimate on the family recreation indoor/aquatic facility. Mr. DeWeese explained that after reviewing the three sites for a family recreation indoor/aquatic facility, City Administration recommends City Park for the site with a Master Plan being completed in conjunction with the preliminary design. Preliminary discussions have been held with the Little Apple Soccer Club on field development. The club has a lease agreement with Riley County to develop soccer fields at Fairmont Park. Mr. DeWeese stated that the Little Apple Soccer Club would be meeting on February 7, 2005, and would discuss their interest in partnering with the City on developing soccer fields at Fairmont Park.

Mr. DeWeese stated that the next meeting would be held on February 28, 2005, to prepare for the Work Session with the City Commission on March 8, 2005, at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Wilkinson informed the Board that preliminary discussions have been held with School District Officials on housing an arena in the indoor facility.

After further discussion by the Board, it was moved by Ms. Darbyshire, seconded by Mr. Brannan to move forward with a two-prong approach on the City and Griffith Park sites for further review. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Ms. Darbyshire, seconded by Mrs. Page to recommend hiring a consultant to conduct a public process to complete a preliminary design and cost estimate for the family recreation indoor/aquatic facility. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Scott to recommend hiring a consultant to complete a Master Plan of City Park and complete a preliminary design and cost estimate on CiCo or City Park pools. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Page, seconded by Ms. Darbyshire to recommend hiring a consultant to complete a preliminary design and cost estimate for the Zoo Education Facility. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. DeWeese informed the Board that the non-resident fee would be on the City Commission's Agenda on February 15, 2005.

The meeting was adjourned.