

MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY COMMISSION ROOM  
JUNE 4, 2001  
4:30 P.M.

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

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Page. It was moved by Mrs. Moore, seconded by Mr. Brannan to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 7, 2001. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

STAFF REORTS

Staff reports were given by Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Jerry Dishman, Park Superintendent; Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner; Mr. Ivan Wilkinson, Recreation Superintendent; and Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administration Supervisor.

CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD'S REQUEST

Mr. DeWeese explained that Mr. Bill Frost, City Attorney, had informed him that the Cemetery Advisory Board could report directly to the City Commission without permission from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Board agreed that they still want to be kept informed about Cemetery issues. Mr. DeWeese stated that he would include updates in the Board's packet.

ANIMAL SHELTER REPORT

Mr. DeWeese introduced Ms. Lynn Schumacher, Animal Shelter Supervisor, to the Board. Ms. Schumacher distributed information regarding the Animal Shelter to the Board. Discussion was held and questions were answered at that time. The Board thanked Ms. Schumacher for presenting her report.

NORTHEAST PARK UPDATE

Lee Ann Harrell gave the Board background information on the Northeast Park. She explained that the prairie section has been planted. She stated that fundraising efforts are being done for the woodland area. Mr. Weaver inquired about the maintenance of the natural area. Ms. Harrell explained that the Audubon Society would maintain the area for three years and then turn the maintenance over to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Ms. Jan Garton explained that the Cecil Best Birding Trail is complete and has been used quite a bit. Ms. Garton explained that the Audubon Society would be turning this area over to the Parks and Recreation Department at the end of the year to maintain. The Board inquired about the maintenance of this area. Mr. DeWeese explained that the area would be mowed once or twice per year, as currently being done by the Audubon Society.

INFORMATION TO CITY COMMISSION

Singing Tower Agreement – The City Commission approved the agreement at their meeting on May 15, 2001. Construction should begin this summer.

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcohol Tax and Local Government Outdoor Recreation Grant – The City will continue to receive the Alcohol Tax, but lost \$500,000 from the LGORG.

Capital Improvements Program – The City Commission conducted their first meeting on May 29 and will hold the next meeting on June 26, 2001.

Warner Park – City Administration is in the process of reviewing the survey that surrounds Warner Park and confirming the property owners that have encroached into Warner Park. Following this process, letters will be mailed to the property owners. Mr. Weaver thanked Mr. Bill Warner for the background information he provided on Warner Park.

Mr. Bill Warner suggested having a panel of 11-15 people to discuss Warner Park. He also suggested giving the Board Members a tour of Warner Park. The Board will contact Mr. Warner about dates and times for a tour.

Twin Oaks economic impact – Information was included in the Board's packet. The Board suggested that the Manhattan Mercury be contacted about Twin Oak's economic impact on the Manhattan community.

Goodnow Park Cabin Coalition Report – Information was included in the Board's packet.

It was moved by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Moore to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

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Approved by Chairperson Parks and Recreation  
Advisory Board

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Date