

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
JULY 15, 2005
2:00 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Bruce McMillan, Ms. Jean Darbyshire, Mr. Reed Scott, and Mrs. Beverly Page. Ms. Marie Steichen, Mr. Randy Martin, and Mr. Roger Brannan 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. Eddie Eastes, Park Superintendent; and Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor.

Mr. McMillan called the meeting to order. Mr. McMillan thanked the Board Members for arranging their schedules to attend the meeting.

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It was moved by Ms. Darbyshire, seconded by Mrs. Page to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 6, 2005. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

STAFF REPORTS

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

FAMILY INDOOR RECREATION/AQUATIC FACILITY REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Mr. DeWeese explained that 11 firms responded to the RFP to develop a preliminary design, construction, and operating costs, and determine a preferred site for the Indoor Facility; analyze and make recommendations on three outdoor pools; and master plan City Park for the future.

The Selection Committee, which consisted of: Ed Klimek, Mayor; Ron Fehr, City Manager; Bruce McMillan, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board; Terry DeWeese, Director of Parks and Recreation; and Ivan Wilkinson, Recreation Superintendent; interviewed five firms. The firms interviewed were Larkin Aquatics, Kansas City, Missouri; Shaughnessy Fickle and Scott Architects, Kansas City, Missouri; Bowman Bowman Novick Inc., Manhattan, Kansas, Ken Ebert Design Group, Manhattan, Kansas; and RDG Planning and Design, Kansas City, Missouri.

After conducting the interviews, due to the importance of the project, the Selection Committee determined additional information was needed on Bowman Bowman Novick Inc., Ken Ebert Design Group, and RDG Planning and Design. The Selection Committee visited four facilities that were designed by the three firms. The Selection Committee met again and felt that additional information was needed from RDG Planning and Design and Bowman Bowman Novick Inc. After receiving the additional information, the Selection Committee met again to make a recommendation to hire RDG Planning and Design.

Discussion was held and questions were answered at that time. It was moved by Ms. Darbyshire, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the recommendation from the Selection Committee to hire RDG Planning and Design, Kansas City, Missouri, to develop a preliminary design, construction and operating costs, and determine a preferred site for the Indoor Facility; analyze and make recommendations on three outdoor pools; and master plan City Park for the future. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

It was moved by Ms. Darbyshire, seconded by Ms. Page to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 4-0.