

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
OCTOBER 6, 2003
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mrs. Beverly Page, Mr. Roger Brannan, Mr. Bruce McMillan, Mr. Reed Scott, and Ms. Jean Darbyshire. Mrs. Marie Steichen was absent at this meeting. 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.

Ms. Page called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Darbyshire, seconded by Mr. Brannan to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 8, 2003. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

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.

The Board inquired about items in the monthly report and questions were answered at that time.

The Board thanked the different departments/divisions for their cooperative work on the Flamingo Exhibit at Sunset Zoo as well as on many other Parks and Recreation Department projects that are completed in-house to keep the costs down.

NON-RESIDENT FEES

Mr. DeWeese explained that the City Commission had requested City Administration to review non-resident fees for the Parks and Recreation Department's programs.

Mr. Ivan Wilkinson, Recreation Superintendent, reported that registrations in 2002 were 15,585 with 2,106 being non-residents. He explained that 34 communities were surveyed on how they handled non-resident fees. He discussed the survey findings and answered questions from the Board.

The Board expressed concern about the regional efforts that have been done and are continuing to be done to make Manhattan a regional community. By enforcing a non-resident fee, this would be counter productive to the effort being made by the Chamber of Commerce, Riley County, Pottawatomie County, Geary County, and the City of Manhattan to promote regionalism.

The City Commission will be discussing non-resident fees at their Work Session on October 14, 2003, at 5:00 p.m. in the City Commission Room.

It was moved by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Mr. McMillan to recommend not charging a non-resident fee for Parks and Recreation programs. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

COMPREHENSIVE PARK MASTER PLAN SCHEDULE

Mr. DeWeese explained that City Administration would be developing a survey, for the Board's review; conducting two public meetings; prepare a rough draft of the plan; and submit a final plan, which will be approved by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Manhattan Urban Area Planning Board; and then submitted to the City Commission for final approval.

Mr. Brannan left early due to prior commitments.

POOL SLIDE AND DOUGLASS POOL UPDATE

Mr. DeWeese explained that an example of the slide to be installed at City Park Pool was included in the Board's packet. The slide will be installed for use in the summer of 2004.

Mr. DeWeese explained that he attended the Douglass Center Advisory Board Meeting to receive input from the Board Members on what should be done with the Douglass Pool. He stated that several members expressed that the park didn't need a pool, because of the close proximity of City Park Pool. The Board, however, suggested conducting a survey to receive public sentiment on the issue. Mr. DeWeese stated that people would have some expectation that something is going to happen if a survey is completed.

The Board suggested that information be included in the Comprehensive Parks Master Plan survey about the Douglass Center Pool.

INFORMATION TO CITY COMMISSION

Mr. DeWeese explained that the City Commission approved the first reading of the Animal Shelter Ordinance and the second reading will be approved at their meeting on October 7, 2003.

MISCELLANEOUS

Longs and Douglass Parks Playground – Bids will be opened on October 15, 2003, and equipment will be installed and ready for use in the spring of 2004.

Band Shell Update – Bids will be opened on October 8, 2003, and will be ready for use in the summer of 2004.

Future agenda items – It was suggested that Staff Members attend the meetings to be introduced to the Board.

It was moved by Mr. McMillan, seconded by Mr. Scott to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 4-0.

Approved by Chairperson Parks and Recreation
Advisory Board

Date