

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM
NOVEMBER 1, 2004
4:30 P.M.

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

Mr. McMillan called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Darbyshire to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 4, 2004. 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.

NON-RESIDENT FEE

Mr. DeWeese explained that \$2,420 was raised in revenue by charging the \$5 non-resident fee in 2004. He stated that City Administration was recommending rescinding the \$5 non-resident fee due to the negative comments received from the general public and the amount of revenue generated versus the amount of revenue lost because of loss of participation. The Board inquired about the non-resident fee numbers in 2003. Mrs. Dugan stated that approximately 900 participants were non-residents in 2003 compared to 484 in 2004.

After discussion by the Board, it was moved by Ms. Darbyshire, seconded by Mr. Brannan to recommend to the City Commission they rescind the non-resident fee, because it has not generated the revenue expected, it has reduced participation, and it has alienated members of the community because of the inequitable distribution of fees compared to their support of the community. On vote, motion carried 4-1 with the no vote being Mr. Martin.

DOUGLASS PARK POOL

Mr. DeWeese discussed the revenue and attendance for the Douglass Park Pool in 2004, which included 486 swimmers and \$106 in revenue. The cost to operate the pool in 2004 was \$10,566.

Discussion was held and questions were answered at that time. It was moved by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Ms. Darbyshire to support closing the Douglass Park Pool and present an opportunity to study alternative recreational needs in that area for the future. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Mr. DeWeese stated that meetings have been scheduled with potential partners, grant opportunities are being investigated, and potential sites are being researched. Mr. Shoemaker is working with the Trust and Friends of Sunset Zoo on potential funding for the Education Building. He explained that if the Community House is taken for the downtown redevelopment project, then that indoor space will need to be replaced. The Board held discussion on potential sites.

Mr. Jerry Carpenter informed the Board of his interest in helping with the design of the aquatic center.

Mr. DeWeese explained that potential sites could be looked at during the Fall Tour on November 13, 2004.

Mr. Martin suggested having a spreadsheet to rank projects. Mr. DeWeese stated that he would develop a spreadsheet and send it to the Board.

A Special Meeting will be held on Monday, November 15, 2004, at 4:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room to continue discussion of the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment. A Work Session with the City Commission will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 5:00 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

Fall Park Tour – The tour has been set for Saturday, November 13 at 9:00 a.m. meeting at the Parks and Recreation Office.

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