

MINUTES  
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY COMMISSION ROOM  
DECEMBER 4, 2006  
4:30 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board: Mr. Bruce McMillan, Mr. Roger Brannan, Mr. Reed Scott, Mrs. Linda Teener, Mrs. Beverly Page, and Mr. Randy Martin. Ms. Jean Darbyshire was absent at this meeting. Also present at this meeting was Mr. Curt Loupe, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director; Mr. Eddie Eastes, Park Superintendent; Mr. Mike Buchanan, Assistant Recreation Superintendent; and Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor.

Mr. McMillan called the meeting to order.

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It was moved by Mr. Brannan, seconded by Mr. Scott to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 20, 2006. On vote, motion carried 6-0.

STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Scott Shoemaker, Zoo Director, introduced Mr. Mark Ryan, Zoo Curator, to the Board. Mr. Ryan gave a brief history about himself. Mr. Shoemaker, Mr. Frank Gibbs, Park Planner, Mr. Mike Buchanan, Assistant Recreation Superintendent, Mr. Eddie Eastes, Park Superintendent, and Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Administrative Supervisor, gave staff reports.

PRESERVATION ALLIANCE – DEPOT DISCUSSION

Mr. McMillan introduced Mr. Lowell Jack and Mr. Michael Mecseri to the Board. Mr. Mecseri spoke on behalf of the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, Inc. He explained that a Depot Committee has been formed and have met once. The Depot Committee would like to be involved with the Depot, if possible, to report issues/concerns to the Board.

Mr. Loupe congratulated the Manhattan/Riley County Preservation Alliance, Inc. on the Depot project and explained that Parks and Recreation is willing to work with them.

The Board held discussion and suggested that the Depot Committee meet with Parks and Recreation Administration and then if needed, report to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Board also suggested having a historical display available at the Depot.

ITEMS TO THE CITY COMMISSION

Mr. McMillan stated that the City Commission approved the Final Report from RDG Planning and Design and reviewed potential bond components at their meeting on November 21, 2006. Mr. Loupe explained that the City Commission would hold a Work Session, after the first of the year, to discuss possible partnerships and funding mechanisms.

OTHER BUSINESS

The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2007.

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