

APPROVED

Minutes of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting

January 9, 2014 Regular Meeting

The January 9, 2014 Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board was convened at 7:05pm in the Social Room of the Recreation Center with Josh Collins, Director of Recreation and Parks presiding.

Roll Call

With four new members, Josh asked each Board member to introduce themselves and provide a short overview of why they wanted to be on the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board. Members present at roll call: Naomi Asher, Frank Chmielewicz, Steve Dittner, Ray Garrett, Fay Martin and Alan Tatum. Members absent: Bridgette Ellis, Dan Robbins, and Cathy Toth.

Approval of the September 12, 2013 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes for September 12, 2013 was made by Frank Chmielewicz and seconded by Ray Garrett. The minutes were approved by a 6-0 vote.

Appearance and Citizen Comments

No one appeared before the Board

Committee Reports

Josh gave the new Board members an overview of the five Committees and how they operate. Each Committee is chaired by a Board member and may have additional Board members on the Committee. The Dog Park Committee and the Bike and Ped Committee have a combination of Board members and interested residents.

Dog Park Committee- Bridgette Ellis

In Bridgette's absence, Josh reported on the December 9, 2013 dedication of the Pet Safe Dog Park at Big Turtle Park. Fay Martin asked about the future of the Dog Park Committee in light of the recent dedication of the Dog Park. Josh expressed the need for an engaged citizen's group to work with the Department to promote the dog park and stage fund raisers from time to time. The future of the Committee will be discussed in depth when Bridgette returns.

Bike/Ped Committee

No Report.

Community Funding Opportunities Committee

No Report.

## Long-term Strategy/Needs Assessment Committee – Alan Tatum

Alan discussed the role of the committee and some of the key issues the Recreation and Parks Department faces in the future. The Committee has identified capital maintenance of facilities as a critical need for the Department and the City. Don't build new facilities; maintain what we have with available resources.

## Waterfront Redevelopment Master Planning Committee

No Report

### Unfinished Business

No Unfinished business

### New Business

#### 2014 Board Work Plan

Josh passed out copies the 2013 approved Board Work Plan for review. The plan will be discussed in greater detail at the February Board meeting. Ray Garrett asked for an update on the Rails to Trails initiative.

#### Elections: Chair/Vice Chair

With four new Board members in attendance and three existing Board members absent, Josh asked the Board if they wanted to hold elections or postpone until the February meeting. Ray Garrett made a motion to postpone election and Fay Martin seconded the motion. The Board approved holding election in February by a 6-0 vote.

#### Committee Assignments

No action taken

### Director's Report

#### New China Palace Restaurant

The New China Palace Restaurant has relocated from Melton Lake Park to Central Avenue. City crews have begun renovation of the space to accommodate public restrooms and house Adventures Outdoors. Work on the restrooms should be completed by late March.

#### Adventures Outdoors

After a successful first year operation, Adventures Outdoors is looking forward to 2014. The City will meet with the owners in mid- January to discuss the 2013 season and lease arrangements for 2014. The 2014 operation season is scheduled to begin in early April and run through October.

Alan Tatum made a motion to adjourn and Fay Martin provided the second.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.

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