

APPROVED

Minutes of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting

July 11, 2013 Regular Meeting

The July 11, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board was convened at 7:02pm in the Social Room of the Recreation Center with Gerry Palau, Board Chair presiding.

Roll Call

Members present at roll call: Frank Chmielewicz , Bridgette Ellis, Gerry Palau, Dan Robbins, Alan Tatum and Cathy Toth. Members absent were Sherith Colverson, Allen Eubanks and Laurel Patrick.

Approval of the June 13, 2013 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes for June 13, 2013 was made by Dan Robbins and seconded by Frank Chmielewicz. The minutes were approved by a 6-0 vote.

Appearance and Citizen Comments

No one appeared before the Board

Committee Reports

Dog Park Committee- Bridgette Ellis

Bridgette Ellis briefed the Board on the success of the Dog Park booth at the Secret City Festival. The Dog Park committee signed up 140 new contacts. Bridgette will add the e-mail addresses to the Committee roster and send updates as needed. Council approved the Dog Park Off Leash Ordinance on second reading at its July 8th meeting. Josh Collins discussed City staff's progress on bidding the concrete work, entrance sign for the Park and the perimeter fencing. Staff plans to install security lighting, irrigation for the turf areas and sidewalks connecting the park to the playground.

Bike/Ped Committee- Sherith Colverson

No Report.

Community Funding Opportunities Committee – Laurel Patrick

No Report.

Long-term Strategy/Needs Assessment Committee – Alan Tatum

Alan discussed the two committee meetings and the 1999 Benchmarking Survey conducted by the City staff. Staff will provide a facility inventory and work with the Committee on an assessment of the condition of the park system. This will help establish baseline information on current facilities, amenities and maintenance

needs. The 1999 data needs to be updated to the current year. The Committee plans to look at large infrastructure items and establish maintenance priorities based on current conditions. The Committee hopes to get a better understanding of the long and short term impact of deferring maintenance on recreational facilities.

Waterfront Redevelopment Master Planning Committee – Gerry Palau

The committee is working on costs related to development of the waterfront and implementation of the concept plan. Developing a matrix of potential waterfront projects and their related costs is a key element of the committee's focus.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Director's Report

Secret City Festival Update

City staff is evaluating the impact of changing the date for the Secret City Festival from the third full weekend in June to the second Saturday of the month. This year, the Lavendar Festival was on June 15th and the Secret City Festival was on June 21/22. Both events experienced growth and increased attendance.

Josh discussed the World War Two Living History Exhibit and the decision to include an educational component that replaced the reenactment. The Festival Steering Committee decided to focus on the everyday lives of the WWII soldier and the training that was necessary for them to win the war. Not everyone supported the change of direction and the elimination of the "battle".

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.
