

Minutes of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting

June 9, 2011

The June 9th meeting of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board was convened at 7pm in the Craft Room of the Recreation Center with Josh Collins, Recreation and Parks Director presiding.

Roll Call

Members present included: Sherith Colverson, Bob Cushman, Bridgette Ellis, Allen Eubanks, Laurel Patrick, Lou Rabinowitz, Dan Robbins and Cathy Toth. Absent was Gerry Palau.

Approval of the May 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve was made by Cathy Toth and seconded by Bob Cushman. The motion was approved by a 6-0 vote. (See attached)

Follow up on the May 26 Tour

The Board discussed the Public Recreation Use Restrictions on the Park Area, current usage of the site, marina issues and infrastructure. Photos showing open space areas and potential sites for the pavilion were shown to the group. An aerial photo of the site during a large regatta showed how potential development of the site could impact areas current used during large events.

Pavilion Discussion

The Board reviewed and discussed several design options and possible locations for the proposed pavilion. The Board saw photos of the Kingston Pavilion and floor plans for the pavilion proposed by ORNL. Other potential design and theme options were discussed at length by the Board.

Secret City Festival Overview

The Board briefly discussed the upcoming Secret City Festival and the role that the City plays in the event. The role played by the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Arts Council of Oak Ridge as Festival Presenters. Festival funding and sponsorship were also discussed. The Board was encouraged to attend and get involved.

Letter to Board Candidates

The Board reviewed a draft letter to Board candidates proposed by Dan Robbins at the May 12 meeting and drafted by staff. Dan offered suggestions to amend the letter to include areas of interest for the candidates to check. The letter will be sent to the fifty two remaining Board candidates. Allen Eubanks made a motion to approve the amended letter and Dan seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0. The letter will be sent under the signature of the Recreation and Parks Director. (See Attached)

Agenda Format

By a 6-0 vote, the Board approved a proposed agenda format that includes Appearance of Citizens, Recreation and Park Director's Report and Committee reports. A motion to approve was made by Lou Rabinowitz and seconded by Cathy Toth. The new format will begin at the July 14 regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.