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Minutes of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting

July 28, 2011 Special Meeting

The July 28th Special 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 , Bridgette Ellis, Allen Eubanks, Gerry Palau, Laurel Patrick, Lou Rabinowitz, Dan Robbins and Cathy Toth. Absent was Bob Cushman.

Approval of the June 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve was made by Lou Rabinowitz and seconded by Bridgette Ellis. The motion was approved by a 8-0 vote.

Appearance and Citizens Comments (items not on the Agenda)

Bill Henry Sr. commented on the possibility of using the expanded TVA fly ash area for additional sports fields.

Committee Reports

Bridgette Ellis gave an overview of a “Proposed Guideline for Working Committees” developed by Bridgette and Gerry Palau. After some discussion, Dan Robbins made a motion and Cathy Toth seconded the motion to approve the proposed guideline.

The Board discussed establishing two working committees: Dog Park and Bike/Ped. Bridgette Ellis volunteered to chair the Dog Park Committee and Sherith Colverson volunteered to chair the Bike/Ped Committee. Each was given the assignment to develop a committee structure, a charge and process. These will be action items at the August 11 meeting.

Don Hurtubise urged the Board to establish a committee to inform and engage the public as Waterfront discussions move forward.

Unfinished Business

Laurel Patrick led the discussion on Pavilion Options/Design/Locations and outlined several roof types, configuration and appearances. Allan Eubanks discussed his map that detailed three possible pavilion locations and distances from key features. Gerry Palau led the Board through a discussion on the pros and cons of each location. Option one was located near the playground area, option two was located half way down House Boat Drive on the causeway and option x was near the New China Palace Restaurant. After much discussion, Bridgette Ellis made a motion to designate option one near the playground as the recommended location for the pavilion. Cathy Toth seconded the motion. Motion was approved by a 5-3 vote. Laurel will prepare three design/theme options for Board review at the August 11 meeting.

The Board was given a spreadsheet containing the candidate responses from the letter sent on June 13th. Board candidates indicated on which committees they would consider serving.

Lou Rabinowitz briefly discussed the October Community Ride that was proposed by Councilman David Mosby on July 14. Lou also discussed the upcoming Velo Bike Race on August 5-7 in Oak Ridge.

New Business

The Chair briefly discussed a meeting with Kelly Segars with the Knoxville TPO regarding possible bike rack locations and the grant process to install bike racks at selected public areas in the City.

The discussion on Meeting Procedures was rescheduled for the August meeting.

Director's Report

Josh Collins briefly discussed the RFQ process to select an architect for the needs assessment and concept plan for a new senior center. Studio Four Designs was being recommended by the Elder Citizens Advisory Board. City Council action was expected on August 8th.

Discussion on Recreation and Parks Advisory Board interaction with other Boards and Commissions was rescheduled for the August meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.
