Minutes of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board Meeting

August 11, 2011 Meeting

The August 11th meeting of the Recreation and Parks Advisory Board was convened at 7pm in the Social Room of the Recreation Center with Josh Collins, Recreation and Parks Director presiding.

Roll Call

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

Approval of the July 28, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve was made by Cathy Toth and seconded by Bridgette Ellis. The motion was approved by an 8-0 vote.

Appearance and Citizens Comments (items not on the agenda)


Committee Reports

Dog Park

Bridgette Ellis discussed the Dog Park Committee and a proposed scope of work. There was a brief discussion about establishing the need for a dog park and conducting a feasibility study. Several Board members needed more information on the history of the dog park discussions. Bridgette proposed the Board defer action on formally establishing the committee, indicating she would meet with interested citizens to collect the requested information and would brief the Board at a later meeting.

Bike/Ped

Sherith Colverson discussed the formation of a Bike/Ped Committee and outlined a possible committee mission, scope and potential committee members. After the size of the committee was discussed, the Board approved the establishment of the Bike/Ped Committee with Sherith as Chair.

Unfinished Business

Pavilion Options/Design

Laurel Patrick reviewed pictures of several different types and designs of pavilions. She discussed building materials and available sizes. Gerry Palau urged the Board to consider “Design Selection Criteria”
when making decisions about the pavilion. Laurel and Gerry will prepare a presentation for the August 25th special meeting.

Board Interaction with Other Advisory Boards

Josh discussed possible interaction with several City Council appointed Boards and Commissions including Elder Citizens Advisory Board, Youth Advisory Board, Convention and Visitor’s Bureau Board, Planning Commission, Environmental Quality Advisory Board and the Traffic Safety Advisory Board.

Meeting Procedures

The Board reviewed a “Proposal for Public Input at Board Meetings” that had been prepared by Bridgette and Gerry. Cathy proposed a change that would include a speaker stating his/her name, address and possible organization prior to speaking. The proposal was amended and approved on an 8-0 vote.

New Business

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Bridgette Ellis nominated Gerry Palau as Chair with no other nomination received. Gerry was elected by an 8-0 vote. Lou Rabinowitz nominated Laurel Patrick and Dan Robbins made a motion that she be elected by acclamation. Laurel was elected Vice Chair by an 8-0 vote.

Proposed Special Meeting

The Board voted 8-0 to hold a Special Meeting on August 25th at 7pm at Melton Lake Park to discuss Pavilion Designs.

Director’s Report

Marina Docks

Josh Collins discussed removal of the existing marina dock by declaring them surplus to the City’s needs and offering them for sale. The docks are getting in bad shape and are unsightly to Park visitors. The Board will take a closer look at the docks during the August 25th meeting at the park.

Horses on Haw Ridge

City Staff is taking a closer look at the use of Haw Ridge by horse owners. Continued trail damage, removal of signs restricting horses to the wider trails and safety concerns have forced the staff to reevaluate access to horses. This issue will be discussed at greater length during future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm