

Park and Recreation Advisory Board Report to City Council

- SUBJECT:** Boating Regulations at Attick Lake Park (Greenbelt Lake)
- BACKGROUND:** City Council referred a citizen request regarding children and kayaks/single person boats and the placement of registration numbers on whitewater boats to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.
- DISCUSSION:** The issues were reviewed and discussed at PRAB's February and March meetings. The board reviewed the request in accordance with the city ordinance, Article IV referring to the Attick Lake Park. Board members were most concerned with safety. The prevailing sentiment was that everyone 16 and under and all non-swimmers should wear a personal flotation device (PFD). Addressing Mr. Cornett's request, the board discussed changing the language so that a child in a kayak could be supervised by an adult rather than accompanied by.
- Regarding the registration, PRAB felt that the City ordinance needed to be revised by the appropriate staff to reflect current fees, inspection and code enforcement. This would not be a PRAB function.
- CONCLUSIONS:** PRAB concluded that the ordinance needs to be revised by appropriate staff to reflect current fees, inspection and code enforcement and that the language regarding flotation devices and supervision of children should also be revised.
- RECOMMENDATIONS:** PRAB recommends revising City Ordinance on Boating Regulations to read: Section 12-78 (2), Children under 16 years of age and all persons who cannot swim shall wear a personal flotation device (PFD); Section 17-78(4), Children under twelve years of age shall be supervised by at least one person over eighteen years of age in any boat or vessel on the lake.
- PRAB also recommends that City ordinance on Boating Regulations be revised by appropriate staff to reflect current fees, inspection and code enforcement.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Park & Recreation Advisory Board