

PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, January 20, 2016

Approved 3/16; 5-0

Members Present: Lola Skolnik, Betty Sonneveld, Kelly Ivy, Ken Blue, Michael Lee, Jeff Keenan, Lester Whitmer, Marc Siegel
Council member: Mayor, Emmett Jordan
Staff Present: Recreation Director, Julie McHale

1. Call to Order 7:33pm
2. Introduction of new Council member, Mayor, Emmett Jordan

Council Updates/comments included:

- Information about the Lake Park Master Plan and a possibility for grant funding in April or May of 2016 for a permeable parking lot surface
 - Work session with Council, looking for grant money with the county for storm water management
 - Marc Siegel asked a question about where we stand with the dredging.
 - Mayor stated that the answer depends on the storm water management planning
 - Question to Mayor about where we are in the bidding process
 - Mayor stated that there are many changes as we move forward, such as the changes in areas like supplies/resources for dam restoration
 - Mark was nominated to go to the February Council meeting
 - New fitness equipment that the City will be purchasing for Schrom Hills Park to replace the deteriorating par-course equipment currently around the trail
 - The new equipment will be hopefully be installed this Spring near the playground area
 - Southway Playground resurfacing and removal of the rubber mulch
 - Considering woodchips or poured in place for replacement
 - Would like to survey the local residence of the area prior to making a decision
 - Lola wondered about mix of the two surfaces –
 - answer from Mayor is that it may be one of the considerations
 - Questions over items not discussed:
 - Kelly asked about the Museum Purchase –
 - answer from Mayor is that Council is waiting for a GHI decision
 - Wi-Fi for city facilities –
 - Answer from Emmett is that he personally is in favor of having Wi-Fi available
 - Questions about the PRAB Lake Park Master Plan and the report card –
 - Answer “the report card is a good place to begin” from the Mayor.
3. Approval of December, 2015 Minutes. Ken motioned, Marc second, 8-0 approved
 4. Department Updates:
 - FY17 Budget in progress –reason why revenues have decreased slightly is:
 - MMO – new licensing requirement; lost almost the entire fall session
 - GAFC – pool closed for renovations
 - Everything else is holding stable.

- Installation of the new fitness equipment and flooring for the GAFC
 - The strength training room (only) will be closed beginning on Monday, January 25th.
 - The room will remain closed through Thursday, January 28th.
 - The expected opening date for the strength training room is Friday, January 29th at 6 a.m.
 - Issues were addressed due to the snow that is predicted

Side note: upon final draft of these Minutes the GAFC closings were changed because of snow. As of this writing however, flooring and equipment is installed and facility is open for use.

- Winter classes are in progress
 - Be sure to call the Weather Hotline at 301-474-0646 if there is inclement weather to check on status of class/activity – rule of thumb is if PG County Govt. is closed, the City is closed.
 - Spring/Summer Camp brochure is online and registration for Residents begins Feb. 1, 2016
 - Fees have been raised to help compensate for the raise in minimum wage
 - Spring Brochure is in progress; registration for Spring classes begins in February.
 - Contribution/Recognition Group Application is online and completed applications are due by March 4.
 - Some concerns were expressed over groups that have had a history of not completing applications timely or completely and the fact that council still grants requests
 - Discussion insured that if applications are not received in a timely and in the correct format, they will not receive a recommendation from PRAB to Council for said reasons
 - PRAB agreed that they would not hold a training on how to fill out the applications because only two groups showed up last year
5. Date to review applications for the FY17 Recognition and Contribution Groups will be at the regularly scheduled meeting on March 16.
- Julie will make hard copies of the completed applications as they come in and notify PRAB that they are at the YC front desk for members to pick up
6. Discussion of Buddy Attick Park report
- Sample of a report for us to use was sent out via email in December 2015
 - Ken presented the scaling of the Oak Mills report and how the Greenbelt Report would look as compared to the two reports.
 - PRAB stated that the report should only present the Buddy Attick Park.
 - It was recommended by Ken that we present the full vision of all Greenbelt Parks as a part of the report with N/A for those parks that will be presented in the future.
 - Majority of the members ONLY wanted Buddy Attick Park presented in this particular report to City Council
7. New Business - None
8. Adjournment 8:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Ken Blue on 2/10/16 and edited by Lola Skolnik 3/16/16