

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Monthly Meeting Minutes – September 17th, 2014

Present: Lola Skolnik, Marc Siegal, Kelly Ivy, Chris Husker, Betty Sonneveldt, Jeffrey Keenan, Ken Blue
Staff: Julie McHale, Director of Recreation
Brian Townsend, Public Works
Council: Leta Mach was unable to attend
Excused: Lester Whitmer, Michael Lee
Unexcused: Abdul Turay, Amanda Brozana

- The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm by Lola Skolnik.
- June 18th, 2013 minutes approved 6-0. The motion to accept the June 18 Minutes as is was made by Ken Blue and Chris Husker seconded
- The new member, Jeffrey Keenan was welcomed and he did a brief introduction of himself; board members then introduced themselves and their tenure on the Board.
- Lola spoke about the Greenbelt City Council work session that she attended on June 18 on the playground surfacing. A brief overview was given but it was Lola's understanding that the other advisory groups that were in attendance, as well as City Council, agreed that there is no ONE (1) surface that will serve all playgrounds and that each playground will need to be evaluated individually. Lola asked about the surface being used on the new playground and Brian Townsend responded the plan is to use poured in place. Additional discussion about the direct light and shading for the playground ensued with some suggestions about signage. Lola suggested that members of PRAB take a look at the marked off playground located at the high-rise side of parcel 15 along the walking path before the next meeting.
- Kelly Ivy introduced and is endorsing the City purchasing a 'mobile stage'. This was the mobile stage that was present at the 2014 Labor Day weekend festival. It appears as though there is a \$50,000 grant available that would subsidize the purchase of this stage. Kelly believes that the overall cost to the City would be about \$35,000 IF the grant were awarded to the City. No decision was made as to whether or not PRAB as an entire Board supports this purchase.
- Kelly Ivy gave a review of the 2014 Labor Day weekend which overall was a success. Despite the uncertainty of hiring a new carnival company and concerns last year with the Fire Department; things went smoothly and a good time was had by all. Several individuals comments on the new selection of 'kiddie rides' and the overall 'kindness' and 'attention to detail' that the carnival staff provided- KUDO'S to the Ivy's and all of the Labor Day committee.
- Julie McHale gave Recreation Department updates:
 - ✓ Informed the Board about the grant application that was submitted by the City to build an Outdoor Fitness playground at Schrom Hills Park; the build wouldn't take place until FY2016 at the earliest.
 - ✓ Minimum Wage will be increased to \$8.40 effective October 1, 2014
 - ✓ FallFest at Schrom Hills Park, 10/18; Trick-or-Trot 10/25; Costume Parade, 10/30;
 - ✓ Advisory Board Appreciation Dinner 10/12-please RSVP
 - ✓ Board was advised to check out the Belle Pointe playground staked out location and share their concerns with staff asap; meeting to review the playground location is scheduled for Monday, September 20
- Each member was given a notebook put together by the Buddy Attick Park (BAP) sub-committee. In this notebook, a progress report was given and a 'report card' of sorts of what the sub-committee's findings were. Lola gave a general overview of about the history of the Buddy Attick Park Masterplan

and how it came to be – much discussion followed. It was decided to send the Board home to review the information in the notebooks and come prepared to discuss at PRAB's meeting in October.

- Where he could, Brian Townsend answered questions regarding the reasons why some of the updates were completed at the BAP. His main area of discussion had to do with the 'cove area'. There was also discussion and question as to whether or not the City had an approved pesticide policy; Julie will be confirming this and will report back at the next meeting in October 2014.
- Julie stated that she will be away at the National Recreation and Parks Association National Conference for the October 15 meeting, however, Joe McNeal will be in attendance during her absence.
- Meeting was adjourned approximately 9:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Julie McHale
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