

**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD FY-14 REVIEW MEETING
CONTRIBUTION AND RECOGNITION GROUPS
March 27, 2013**

PRESENT: Lola, Skolnik, Chair, Betty Sonneveldt, Marc Siegel, Kelly Ivy, Lester Whitmer, Chris Husker, Ken Blue

STAFF: Julie McHale, Director of Recreation

EXCUSED: Michael Lee, Paula Clinedinst, Alice Murphy, Jay Shah

PRAB met with the following Contribution and Recognition Group

7:45pm-	CHEARS
8:00pm-	Greenbelt Senior Softball
8:15pm-	Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Orgnaization
8:30pm-	Greenbelt Baseball

Lola gave introduction to each group explaining PRAB's role in the process – we are not here to make a decision one way or another but to give information in preparation of meeting with Council

CHEARS- Maggie Calahan

Requesting money for benches and supplies to support the three gardens equally throughout Greenbelt (want to have the same items for all three gardens; Schrom Hills Park and Springhill Lake are still lacking).

One time request for money to support CHEARS gardens as 'outside classrooms'
Need benches, need supplies, need shed

PRAB Questions –

Why do you need money when you have \$46,000 in the bank?

Green man festival, flows, farm education project, Chesapeake watershed, money goes to support the president's salary- have total of 8 projects

Marc – have you gone to Public Works to ask for support?

They have gone to PW for some support/assistance but not normally for their supplies

Lola – have you already purchased benches?

Only for one of the three sites

Voted 7-0 Recommended as presented

GREENBELT SENIOR SOFTBALL- George Harrison, Jasper Pendergrass

Requesting additional money
Spent money on uniforms and ball-bags so far

PRAB questions -

Why do you turn in receipts for bats? Most adult leagues you buy your own bats –

Need to have bats on hand because not everyone has their own or knows what to buy? Bats are regulated for every league.

Do you currently have sponsors?

No they do not, they would have to actively go out to find

What is the membership make-up? Most of the group is non-residents- what have you done to reach out to the community – *say that there are currently carrying seven 7 Greenbelt players*

Didn't know the name of Greenbelt paper – Elijah Flemming, sends out information in News Review asking for players

George Harrison stated that Greenbelt players are automatically on the team, they do not have to tryout
Vote 6-1 Recommend with reservations – Reservations are the number of ACTIVE Greenbelt Residents on the team (4-6); players should purchase own bats and pants
ORIGINALLY opposed 1 person because of high cost per-resident ratio compared to other groups
Vote 7-0 with the amendments Yes

MISS GREENBELT SCHOLARSHIP ORGANIZATION – Natasha Jewel, Fran Fendlay

Applying for Recognition Group status

Primarily looking for meeting space- June, July and August and a spattering of other days and times
Stating that they were ‘asked’ to be removed from Labor Day
Not sure why they were ‘asked’ to leave

PRAB questions-

How will you apply for the space?

Natasha did not know what she needed to do. Julie informed Natasha and Fran that they needed to fill out the Recreation Department permit applications and they need to do this sooner than later to make sure they have the rooms they need.

How do they become part of the program?

Natasha stated that they will become ‘part of the entertainment’ then pointed to Kelly Ivy and said ‘ask him’. Kelly Ivy is the Entertainment Chair for the Labor Day Festival

Vote: 7-0 approved for the Recognition Group Status

GREENBELT BASEBALL - Brian Bailey, Jackie Anthony, Jim Inzeo

It was brought to the attention of the Board Members present that PRAB has not heard good things about the league the last couple of years – not a good representation of the City.

Coaches being thrown out; nasty letters to the City from coaches; parking and litter an issue; not equal playing time for all players;

PRAB Questions-

What is the umpire fee? \$80-\$65

Why didn’t have the league names on the jackets – *got order in too late*

How do you market? *Ads in news review, banners,*

Jim Inzeo (Board member) stated that *“We want to work together, can counsel people but*

Brian Bailey (board member) stated that the league is implementing a Code of Conduct this year for coaches, players and parents. PRAB Chair, Lola Skolnik, suggested that the Board mention this to Council to show that the league is being pro-active to address the abovementioned concerns.

Are not non-profit because the price was too much (\$1,000) – PRAB suggested they get in touch with the Greenbelt Foundation to assist them in becoming a 501-C3

Accepting with reservation – travel league, excessive amount for Championship awards, and no justification for increase in the amount

Vote 7-0 approve for same amount as last year

Betty has volunteered to train the groups next year on how to fill out the applications.

PRAB – where does PRAB go from here as far as the BAP plan, dredging and pavilion? Who do we know whose positions are frozen.

Invite Celia to the May meeting

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Julie McHale, Recreation Director