



Commission Agenda Report

City of Kalamazoo

FROM: Mike Schlack, Friends of Recreation Board Chair
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SUBJECT: 2005 Friends of Recreation Board Annual Report

The Friends of Recreation Board, submits the following 2005 Annual Report for your information.

2005 FRIENDS OF RECREATION BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

Board Members

Mike Schlack, Chair	3/01/08	Mary Brown	3/01/06
Mary K. Viegelahn Hamlin	3/01/08	Maureen Krause	3/01/06
Orlin Loen	3/01/08	Ken Collard	Ex-officio
David Carrigan	3/01/07	Frances Jewell	Ex-officio
Milton Wells	3/01/07		

In 2005, the Friends of Recreation Board met on 12 occasions. During the year, the Friends discussed and participated in many decisions, making recommendations on several issues. Major Board discussions included:

- City Commission approval of seven Board appointments
- Appointment of Chair, Vice Chair, and developed Bylaws for the Board
- Held the Annual Golf Classic fundraiser and committed the proceeds to the construction of the Boundless Playground in Upjohn Park.
- Requested the first grant from the Kalamazoo Municipal Recreation Endowment Fund to conduct a feasibility study for a fundraising campaign, developed a Request for Proposals, and hired a consultant to conduct the study.
- Developed a grant application for the request of the Kalamazoo Municipal Recreation Endowment Funds.
- Sent out an End of Year Giving Letter to request gifts of support.

Friends of Recreation remains committed to Parks and Recreation's operations and programs. The Board continues to look at ways to help carry out the goals of the City of Kalamazoo Department of Parks and Recreation and continues to build the Kalamazoo Municipal Recreation Endowment to fund future City recreation and leisure programs for youth, families, inclusive and multigenerational programs, as well as park development.

Friends of Recreation Mission Statement

The purpose of the Friends of Recreation Board is to build the Kalamazoo Municipal Recreation Endowment for the future to fund the City's recreation and leisure programs for youth, families, persons with disabilities, senior citizens, and park development through fundraising.

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