

**APPROVED**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**  
**August 6, 2008**

Those present waited until 5:30 at which time there was no quorum.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Lance Ferraro, Gary Wager, Michael Dombos,

**Members Absent:** Gina Antoniotti, Griffin Williams, Brian Fricke, Larry Ross, and Garrylee McCormick

**City Commission Liaison:** Barbara Miller, present

**Friends of Recreation Liaison:** absent

**Staff Present:** Frances Jewell and Sally Hainline

**Introduction of Guests:** None

**Changes to the Agenda:** None

**Special Presentations:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** *The July 1, 2008 minutes were not subject to approval due to the absence of a quorum.*

Discussion followed on the following topics:

**Old Business:**

**Property Review Committee** Gary reported he had talked with Jerome Kisscorni twice – he was not able to attend this meeting but plans to come to the September meeting. Frances said she had talked with Jerome as well and invited him to attend. Staff will send him the September agenda.

Michael commented on the campus Gateway project. Two sidewalks are taking up more green space than he expected and he felt the columns were out of proportion. He wondered what input this group has when things like this go up and asked why these kinds of projects don't come before this group. Frances said this was a Public Services Streets project. However, the City Ordinance requires that anything between streets will be maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Parks and Recreation Department had no input in what will be turned over to them to be maintained. Discussion on the design began 6 to 7 years ago before Parks and Recreation had merged. She said she has been advocating for years to make sure that if Parks and Recreation has to maintain something, they need to be in on the design. She, too, would like input on something like the Gateway.

**Board Member Recruitment** Gary mentioned a potential Board Member – Natalie Patchell of 2217 Glenwood, whom he will invite to an upcoming meeting.

**Recognition of Volunteer Groups**

There was discussion regarding thanking volunteers. Frances indicated that she had talked with Alfrelynn Roberts who is coordinating the Volunteer Recognition Celebration for the City. Gary suggested that perhaps the Board could present certificates of thanks at that time.

**New Business:** None

**Other Comments:**

Discussed property in the Arcadia neighborhood. There is 80 acres of land which the Arcadia neighborhood wants to remain green space. Frances shared that during the 2003 to 2008 Park and Recreation Plan, it was recommended that 40 acres of this land be set aside.

Michael agreed this property is beautiful and that the Board has to keep promoting green space.

**Event Recommendations for Approval:**

The Event Recommendations could not be voted on because of no quorum. Frances indicated that a recommendation poll would have to be done by phone or e-mail.

**Comments:**

Michael reported that Mr. Rose would be happy to meet with PRAB regarding the Prairie Development by ARCUS. Gary suggested he be invited to the October meeting.

Michael also said he would like to compliment Mark Polega, City Parks Manager. Mark has been more than helpful whenever he is called on for shredded bark and other materials for the Dutton Street Park area.

**Parks and Recreation Managing Director – Monthly Report:**

Frances will be providing PRAB with the Parks and Recreation Department's monthly report that is also sent to the City Manager/City Commission regarding the Department's monthly activities.

In answer to Michael's question about the Splash Park, Frances reported it is open. This is a partnership between NACD (takes care of daily operations), Public Services (seasonal opening and closing) and the property is in the parks system.

Frances reported that the light in South Westnedge Park that had not been working has been repaired.

Frances also reported the Friends of Recreation Golf Outing was a great success – close to \$10,000 was raised.

Michael asked about the Future Chef project – Frances said that was a City program.

Gary mentioned the Ethnic Diversity Celebration, August 16, 2008, at the Arcadia site.

The next meeting will be September 2, 2008 at 5 pm in the Mayors' Riverfront Park community room.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sally Hainline, Recording Secretary