

APPROVED
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
November 4, 2009

Chair Wager called the meeting to order at 5:22 pm in the Parks and Recreation Community Room in Mayors' Riverfront Park.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Gary Wager, Garrylee McCormick, Natalie Patchell, and Larry Ross. Michael Dombos arrived at 5:25 pm.

Members Absent: Shawn Brier

City Commission Liaison: Barbara Miller, absent

Friends of Recreation Liaison: Zadie Jackson, present - Steve Tyler, absent

Staff Present: Lisa Brown

Introduction of Guests: None

Changes to the Agenda: None

Special Presentations: None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the October 6, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Youth Board Member Applications – Gary said that he had sent out e-mails to the applicants on Monday, but had not heard back from any of them. Natalie volunteered to contact them via telephone and invite them to the December 1st meeting.

Event Recommendations for Approval: None

Comments:

Citizens – Non Agenda Items: None

Commission Liaison: Absent

Friends of Recreation Liaison: Zadie indicated that the Friends Board was going to be doing a couple of fundraisers, indoor miniature golf and an autographed quilt. She would like to have PRAB involved with these items.

Parks and Recreation Managing Director – Monthly Report: Frances was absent for this meeting, so the report was given by Lisa. The following were the updates that Frances asked to be given: Milham/Blanche Hull Master Plan meetings are scheduled for 11/5 & 11/19 from 7 to 9 pm @ MRP, a \$15,000 grant award (\$7,500 each for LaCrone & Woods Lake Park) was received from the Harold and Grace Upjohn Foundation. Staff will be reviewing funds from the State that may be available for these projects in early 2010, the budget was tentatively approved by the City Commission with a reduction in after school programs and utilization of \$30,000 from Friends endowment and golf outing proceeds. Park evaluation next meeting is scheduled for 11/9, and the hope is to have the process complete by the end of the year. The

Friends fundraising event is scheduled for 11/6 @ Mike Schlack's house and invitations will be going out soon.

Staff: Lisa indicated that the updated Board Member list was attached to this month's agenda packet (per a request made at the October meeting).

Board Members: Garrylee wanted to know if the board will get a copy of the budget prior to the adoption. Lisa told Garrylee that she would inquire with Frances about this. He asked if the board could get a copy of the book from the Clerk's office with all of the Board & their bylaws in it. Lastly, Garrylee also asked about getting four of the Park History books to give to the delegates coming in for the Russian Festival.

Natalie indicated that the park evaluation committee had begun the review of the parks in alphabetical order and had only gotten to Bronson. Gary mentioned that a good site to assist in the park evaluation process would be tpl.com.

Michael voiced a concern about large trees being removed and no trees or small "flowering type" trees put in the place of them. He made reference to Stadium Drive and West Main as examples. His concern is it is not aesthetically pleasing. This comment prompted discussion about PRAB not being on the site plan review committee. Gary said the definition of the buffer zone is in the new zoning ordinance. Michael said he would like the Board to have some input into the Allied Paper site (preserving green space). Larry asked that the Board pursue the tree replacement issue. Gary thought the board should contact Todd Pryor, as an arborist. Lisa mentioned that Mark Polega is a landscape architect and could be consulted as well. Larry made a motion to explore the tree issue more and invite Todd Pryor to discuss it. The motion unanimously carried.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Brown, Recording Secretary