

**APPROVED**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes**  
**1/5/2010**

Vice Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 5:27 pm in the Parks and Recreation Community Room in Mayors' Riverfront Park.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:** Garrylee McCormick, Larry Ross, and Teeoncey Sanders

**Members Absent:** Shawn Brier, Michael Dombos, and Natalie Patchell

**City Commission Liaison:** Barbara Miller

**Friends of Recreation Liaison:** Zadie Jackson and Steve Tyler absent

**Staff Present:** Frances Jewell and Marvella Vincent

**Introduction of Guests:** Meka Phillips, PRAB applicant

**Changes to the Agenda:** None

**Special Presentations:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the December 1, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Board Member Applications** – Meka is currently employed with National City Bank. Most recently, she has been volunteering with the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program, where she on the Marketing committee. In addition to that, she has been involved with the Greater Kalamazoo Area Girls on the Run, as a coach for the last four years. Although there was not a quorum, the Board members present voted to approve Meka's appointment to the board. An e-mail will be sent to the absent board members requesting their responses by 1/8/2010, to ensure that Meka's appointment is added to the City Commission agenda.

**Vote on Chair & Vice Chair Positions:** This item was tabled for the February 2, 2010 meeting.

**Event Recommendations for Approval:** None

**Comments:**

**Citizens** - None

**Commission Liaison:** Advised that the budget was approved. She also commented on the fact that Friends of Recreation played an important role in minimizing budget cuts in the 2010 Parks and Recreation's budget.

**Friends of Recreation Liaison:** None, however, Garrylee spoke highly of the Holiday Party that was put on by FoR. He also mentioned that the turnout was greater than expected.

**Parks and Recreation Managing Director – Monthly Report:** Frances went over the Park evaluation and use recommendations (see attachment). She will be meeting with the City

Clerk the week of 1/11/10, to discuss this. It was suggested by Barbara Miller that maybe a side note could be made as it pertains to the contact information being DKI for the Arcadia site. Also, she spoke about the Master plans for several different parks and that some of the information and requirement may changes as things progress. While Frances still had the floor, Garrylee expressed his concern about children climbing in and on top of the fountain at Bronson Park and the dangers it may cause. He inquired about maybe placing signage somewhere within the park, in which Frances expressed that the nature of signage is not going to eliminate the problem and maybe the event organizer shall be held responsible.

**Staff:** None

**Board Members:** None

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:01pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marvella Vincent, for Lisa Brown, Recording Secretary