

APPROVED
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
5/4/2010

Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm in the Commission Chambers on the 2nd Floor of City Hall.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Garrylee McCormick, Natalie Patchell, Shawn Brier, and Michael Dombos

Members Absent: Meka Phillips, Larry Ross and Teeoncey Sanders

City Commission Liaison: Barbara Miller, present

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

Staff Present: Frances Jewell and Lisa Brown

Introduction of Guests: None

Changes to the Agenda: None

Special Presentations: None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 6, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Friends Golf Outing & Match Day Event – The golf outing will be on July 16th and Match Day will be on June 23rd. Save the dates postcards were mailed out. For the Match Day event, the Kalamazoo Community Foundation will match donations with \$85K available for the entire event. Commissioner Miller asked if it was a max match of \$1K per organization or per donation. Frances said it was her understanding that it was a maximum match of \$1K per donation, but that she will check to be sure.

Event Recommendations for Approval:

The following events were unanimously carried:

- West Main Hill Neighborhood Association USTA Picnic at Henderson Park- Tuesday, August 10, 2010 from 5:00 pm to 9:30 pm
- New Latino Visions Cinco de Mayo Event at Milham Park - Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm. (previously approved by e-mail vote 5 yes, 2 n/a)

Comments:

Citizens: None

Commission Liaison: None

Friends of Recreation Liaison: Absent

Parks and Recreation Managing Director – Monthly Report: The monthly report was attached to the agenda packet. Frances noted that the format changed to focus on specific areas within the department, and will now include a Grants/Fundraising section.

The Spring Farmers' Market meeting was held on 4/22. There was very little discussion by the vendors about having the market open additional hours. Frances and Mark said they were going to hire a consultant to assess the Market and various facets about it (good location, hours, season, etc.) There had previously been a lease for a Flea Market that is not being renewed, so staff is looking into options for future events/uses.

Staff: Lisa informed the Board that the previously approved Urban Youth for Africa event that was to be held in Bronson Park in June had been postponed by the event sponsor until June, 2011.

Board Members: Shawn asked what discussions have transpired with K-College, in light of their renovation project. Frances said staff has met with them and are investigating the possible use of City facilities, but there are some existing contracts that will have priority.

Natalie said volunteers are needed Wednesday May 19th 9-11 am at Crane Park for planting day and every Wednesday after that for "working". She is still trying to get Crane Park as an approved Master Gardeners site.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Brown, Recording Secretary