

APPROVED
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
06/01/10

Vice Chair McCormick called the meeting to order at 5:23 pm in the Parks and Recreation Community Room in Mayors' Riverfront Park.

Roll Call:

Members Present: Garrylee McCormick, Larry Ross, Natalie Patchell, Michael Dombos and Meka Phillips

Members Absent: Shawn Brier and Teeoncey Sanders

City Commission Liaison: Barbara Miller, present

Friends of Recreation Liaison: Zadie Jackson and Steve Tyler absent

Staff Present: Frances Jewell and Marvella Vincent

Introduction of Guests: Bill Stein, E.C.C.

Changes to the Agenda: None

Special Presentations: None

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the May 4, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

Old Business: The public meeting will be held on 6/14/2010 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Parks and Recreation for Blanche Hall and Milham Park to discuss the presentation of the master plans.

New Business:

Frances spoke on the letter written to the commissioners from neighborhood citizens referencing the Fairmount Dog Park. It was suggested that a letter of support be written to elected officials to obtain their support for the construction of an off-leash area, which have been around since 2003. We also need to solicit support from press, neighbors, and friends who are in favor of the Dog Park. The Commission has already received some letters of support. A motion was made to write a letter of support on behalf of PRAB by Natalie Patchell and it was seconded by Larry Ross. Dog passes must be obtained for entry into the park. Mark met with the architect and construction company for a pre-construction meeting on 6/1/10.

Event Recommendations for Approval:

The following events were unanimously approved:

- Kalamazoo Deacons Conference Community Picnic at LaCrone Park - Saturday, June 19, 2010 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Gazelle Sport's Metro Trek at Mayor's Riverfront Park – Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm
- Wise Men entertainment at LaCrone Park – Saturday, July 24, 2010 from 7:30 am to 9:00 pm
- Michigan Organizing Project Comprehensive Immigration Reform Rally at Bronson Park - Monday, June 7, 2010 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm

- The River Downtown Public Church Service at Bronson Park – Sunday, July 4, 2010 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Community Wide Hour of Prayer at MLK Park – Sunday, June, 6, 2010 from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

It was suggested by Natalie Patchell, that any type of rally be held at Arcadia festival site due to the large amount of participants. She questioned if Bronson Park was the correct set up for this sort of event. Frances indicated that rally's are welcome at Bronson Park and that the wording should be reviewed for future park usage.

Comments:

Citizens - None

Commission Liaison:

None

Friends of Recreation Liaison: None

Parks and Recreation Managing Director – Monthly Report: Received monthly report. The clean up for several of the city's parks, river banks, etc. was a success.

Highlights - Thanks to Kalamazoo and Bloom for wonderful job with the clean up and also to Recreation staff for assisting with the Youth Town hall meeting with public safety.

Staff: None

Board Members: Barbara Miller requested that save the date reminder e-mails be sent to PRAB and FoR board members.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Marvella Vincent, Recording Secretary