

APPROVED
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
July 11, 2006

Chair John Hilliard called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm in the Parks and Recreation Community Room in Mayors' Riverfront Park.

Roll Call:

Members Present: John Hilliard, Lance Ferraro, Gary Wager, Zachary Greening, and Michael Dombos

Members Absent: Patricia Klein, Gina Antoniotti, and Griffin Williams (all excused),

City Commission Liaison: Barbara Miller, present

Staff Present: Frances Jewell and Pat Vinge

Procedural Matters: None

Introduction of Guests: None

Changes to the Agenda: None

Special Presentations: None

Approval of Minutes: *The June 6, 2006 minutes were unanimously approved.*

Old Business:

Update on Parkdale Plat Properties

Frances reported that City administration has determined to not pursue the sale of these properties at this time; to query the neighborhood to determine if there would be support in developing one of the properties; and to work with the Neighborhood Association regarding shared maintenance of the properties. Chair Hilliard requested a copy of the City Attorney's memo regarding these properties and Frances said she would call the City Attorney's office for John.

New Business

Woods Lake Beach/Park Update

Gary Wager presented an overview of the proposed master plan for Woods Lake Beach Park and Oakwood Memorial Park. The proposed plan includes walking trails, new restroom with gazebo, ADA compliant parking spaces, and other upgrades with a projected budget of \$700,000. Currently work is being done to have the new master plan incorporated into the City's Parks and Recreation 5 Year Master Plan which is required to be considered for any State funding. The following motion was passed unanimously: ***PRAB approves the Woods Lake Beach and Oakland Memorial Park Master Plan; recommends City Commission acceptance of said plan; and recommends that the plan be incorporated into the Parks and Recreation 5 Year Master Plan.***

Event Recommendations

The Board unanimously recommended that the City Manager approve the following events:

- March Against Drugs, Mt. Zion Safe House, Farrell Park, August 12, 2006, 10:00 am until 6:00 pm
- Drum Corps International, Jubal Drum Corps, Bronson Park, July 24, 2006

Comments:

Citizens – Non Agenda Items: None

Commission Liaison Comments: None

Friends of Recreation Liaison: Gary reported that the Friends Golf Outing would be held on Monday, July 17 at Eastern Hills Golf Course and encouraged PRAB members to volunteer at the event or sponsor a foursome. Gary also shared that The Owens Group presented the Friends Board with a draft document of the fund raising Feasibility Study which Friends will discuss at their next meeting, July 25, 2006. Gary also invited members to a presentation by Keith Howard on the original Oakwood Park at Woods Lake. The presentation will be held at the Oakwood Neighborhood Association on Sunday, August 20. Pre-registration is requested and there is a \$5.00 registration fee. 2007 will be the 100th anniversary of the original park.

Parks and Recreation Director – Monthly Report

Frances reported that the Summer Youth Employment Program started on July 10, with orientation training the preceding week. The program is serving 25 more youth than last summer with 185 youth between the ages of 14 and 17 having summer employment through the program.

Frances suggested that the board might like to conduct one of their meetings at the Youth Development Center or the Parks maintenance building to get a flavor of those facilities. Lance pointed out that National Night Out is Tuesday, August 1, coinciding with PRAB's August meeting. ***PRAB unanimously voted to meet on Wednesday, August 2 at 5:00 in the Parks maintenance building.*** It was also noted that due to Labor Day, the September meeting would fall on the same night as the City Commission meeting, Tuesday, September 5. It will be decided at the August meeting if PRAB should meet on Wednesday, September 6.

The Boundless Playground has a tentative Grand Opening scheduled for July 26. One of the major funders, Able to Play, reviewed the playground last week and was pleased with the progress. Landscaping will be completed this fall.

Frances shared that 2006 PRAB motions, excluding event recommendations and minute approval, are being compiled and will be e-mailed to members on a monthly basis.

Staff Comments: None

Board Member Comments:

Zach mentioned that 2 large trees came down in the South Westnedge Park and asked if they would be replaced. Frances will look into this. John reminded members that the potential new youth member, Brian Fricke, would be interviewed at the August meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Vinge, Recording Secretary