

APPROVED
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Minutes
September 6, 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: Lance Ferraro, Gary Wager, Patricia Klein, Gina Antoniotti, John Hilliard, Michael Dombos, Brian Fricke, and Griffin Williams

Members Absent: Zachary Greening (excused)

City Commission Liaison: Barbara Miller, absent

Friends of Recreation Liaison: David Carrigan, absent

Staff Present: Frances Jewell and Pat Vinge

Procedural Matters: None

Introduction of Guests: Cindi Harris representing "The World Can't Wait"

Changes to the Agenda: Addition of Crane Park to New Business and Event Requests addition

Special Presentations: None

Approval of Minutes: *The August 2, 2006 minutes were unanimously approved.*

Old Business: None

New Business:

Status of 2007 Budget and 5-Year Plan

Frances shared that the budget directive had just been received and that the good news is there is a 3% increase over 2006 Adopted Budget, in essence, a status quo budget rather than a reduced budget. There was no new information on the 5-Year Plan.

Crane Park

John and Frances both shared information on the possible condominium development adjacent to Crane Park which would also utilize the public road that goes through the park. The developer is requesting a variance for setbacks; the property is already zoned to accommodate the proposed condominium density. The Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a public hearing on September 14 at 7:00 pm to discuss this variance request. Both Frances and John encouraged members to attend the meeting and make their concerns known. The Westledge Hill Neighborhood Association is already planning to attend. Michael Dombos

observed that he believed it was poor planning to have property adjacent to Crane Park zoned for this type of use.

Event Recommendations

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

- “The World Can’t Wait” Rally/Concert, Bronson Park, Thursday, October 5, 2006, 6:00 -10:00 pm
- Annual John Daley Memorial One/One Run, Spring Valley Park - January 1, 2007 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- Worship Services and Picnic Activities – Mt. Zion Baptist Church, LaCrone Park, July 28-29, 2007 – 7:00 am until 5:00 pm
- Johnnie Berry, Jr., Peace Jam 2006, LaCrone Park, Saturday, ~~August 20,~~ 2006 September 23 ***(informational date change)***
- Annual Hays Park Block Party, Reed Park, Saturday, August 26, 2006 ***(recommended approval by 7 members, 1 members unavailable; phone poll week of August 21, 2006)***
- 3rd Coast Metro Trek, Adventure Race, Mayors’ Riverfront Park, Saturday, September 30, 2006

Comments:

Citizens – Non Agenda Items: None

Commission Liaison Comments: None

Friends of Recreation Liaison: Gary Wager shared that the Friends of Recreation Golf Outing netted approximately \$6,000; \$5,000 of this is already committed to the Boundless Playground. Kenna Bridges may assist Friends with public relations, helping to create a higher recognition profile for Friends.

Parks and Recreation Director – Monthly Report

Frances handed out the new Fall Activity Guides. The group discussed possibly holding the next PRAB meeting at the Youth Development Center and incorporating a brief tour of the facility into the meeting. Frances will check on the availability of the YDC for October 3.

Staff Comments: None

Board Member Comments:

Michael Dombos inquired who determined what kind of trees to plant on curb lawns. Frances referred him to Todd Pryor, City Forester.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Vinge, Recording Secretary