

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 9, 2004 at Barney Schwartz Park, 2970 Union Road, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Chairman Fairbairn called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Amie Hammond, Robin Fairbairn, Robert Gibson, Heidi Hostettler-Wicka, Mike Ojeda, David Steaffens, Danna Stroud and Kevin Will
Absent: Robert Nash
Staff present: Barbara Partridge, Charlotte Gorton, Annie Robb, Gary Perruzzi and Freda Berman
Staff absent: Judy O'Neal
City Council present: Councilman Nemeth
Council absent: Mayor Mecham
City Guests: Meg Williamson and Ditas Esperanza

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Annie Robb, City Librarian, requested the Skate Park subject be moved to the beginning of the Discussion Items.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Member Gibson, seconded by Hammond, to approve the Minutes of the October 11, 2004 meeting. Motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Skate Park Ad Hoc Committee**
Annie reported:
 - The Police Department reports they have made 176 visits to the skate park from June to August 2004. Major complaints are no helmets and older kids are bullying young children.
 - Discussed skate park options.
 - Further comments noted and filed.
3. **Duck Derby Results**
 - Gorton estimates the net profit this year is \$10,600.
4. **Sherwood Park Update**
 - Director gave history timeline of Sherwood Park master plan development.
 - After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Gibson, seconded by Stroud, to proceed on the rest of Sherwood Park Phase 1-A and subsequently pursue finding an appropriate type of play structure with a thematic style. Motion passed.

GOALS & AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

Public Art – No update

Billboard Program

- Advisory members met at BSP at the beginning of the meeting to discuss billboard locations, cost and possible revenue for this project.

Needs Assessment

- Councilman Nemeth expressed a desire to look at the restrooms and lighting at City Park.
- Hammond reported the Ad Hoc Committee met and will meet again to review data and establish a plan.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES – Comments noted and filed

- Public Works (Freda Berman)
- BSP (Gary Perruzzi)
- Recreation (Charlotte Gorton)
- Library (Annie Robb)

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilman Nemeth discussed:

- Advisory liaison with public school. Dr. Patrick Sayne is looking at doing more cooperative projects with the City and Cuesta College.
- Nemeth asked the Committee if they had received a response from the letter sent to Jim App asking if the Advisory Committee could be included in the Planning Department process of city parks. Director said Jim is planning to respond.

EXECUTIVE MANAGERS REPORT - None

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS - Comments noted and filed

ADJOURNED

- A meeting was adjourned to next month's regular meeting on Tuesday, December 14, 2004, 4:00 p.m.
- Staff is planning a joint, holiday mixer with members of the REC, Inc. and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Location to be announced.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 1/11/05 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager

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INFORMATIONAL NOTES ONLY

To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
From: Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager
Subject: **Notes from November 9, 2004 Meeting**
Date: November 17, 2004

DISCUSSION

2. Skate Park Ad Hoc Committee

- Ashley Von Burg and Elora Hartmann from the Youth Commission discussed their view points. They agreed the skate park is physically a good park but they avoid going there because older skaters intimidate them.
- They recommend- Not charging a fee as it will result in skaters using city streets instead of the park to skate and will keep kids from attending.
 - Have supervision by a young person kids can identify with.
 - Support the concept of meeting with skating community to develop volunteer help.
 - Bullying and bikes are an issue. There is a negative energy at the skate park right now.
 - Provide music at the skate park.
- If we supervise the skate park, we may accept a greater amount of liability.
- Discussed selling billboards at BSP to pay for supervision and charge \$1 entry fee.
- Asked Youth Commission if they would volunteer to supervise the skate park but the Committee does not meet year round.
- The Ad Hoc Committee will come back at a later meeting with a full report and recommendation.
- Templeton skate park has: A grandmother-type supervisor, their rules are no cussing, smoking, drinking and drugs. They do not allow back packs and cars parked next to the park. There is a \$2 entry fee that pays for the supervision. They hire older skateboarders to teach younger kids on Saturdays.

3. Duck Derby Results

Gorton estimates the revenue and expenses are as follows:

- Revenue for 1106 ducks sold @ \$10/each = \$11,060
- Expenses for prizes \$460 (have not received prize yet from Adelaide Motel)
- Net profit is \$10,600

4. Sherwood Park Update

- Options discussed:
 - 1) Close the skate park.
 - 2) Keep the skate park open as is.
 - 3) Staff the skate park with security with a cost of \$35,000/year.
 - 4) Contract with YMCA to operate the skate park with a cost of \$35,000-\$50,000/year.
 - 5) Own program with camps, parties, etc. with a cost of \$35,000-\$50,000/year.
 - 6) Going back to skater volunteers who committed to keeping the park open but who have not don so.

- We are now working on Phase 1-A which includes the play equipment that will be put in on the Oak Creek side. Also realized the need to put in restrooms, parking, playground, etc.
- Architect has submitted the play environment concept. In the meantime, the community build idea has come in to play again. However, the state law precludes a community build because we would have to pay prevailing wage. At that point, we went back to a prefabricated play structure. One structure for younger and one for older kids.
- The first play structure shown was underwhelming. When looking at the turrets, the idea of shade structures came out and a much larger playground. But a larger playground coupled with the extra site work necessary on the environment (including adding restrooms) would cost \$150,000 more.
- Now the City Council wants us to look at a community build playground. Two years ago it was a good idea to do a community build playground. However, we are ready to go out to bid.
- City Council wanted us to go back to the community and the Ad Hoc Committee to bring back options for their review and approval.

General discussion:

- Stroud reminded members that REC, Inc. originally brought out the community build idea but was part of the decision to move forward without the community built park. We are now three years into this process and a community built park was never part of the Sherwood Park master plan.
- Hostetter-Wicka agrees a community build would be cheaper, but probably out of wood. These structures are beautiful and as a mother, they look really functional.
- Councilman Nemeth said, "I don't like it". He is not married to the idea of a community build, but he would like to see other options.
- There are other pre-built options.
- Time issue is very important and everyone is on board.
- Will noted we want the turrets.
- Ditas Esperanza, City Capital Project Engineer, asked what would you like us to present to you? We need to communicate to the architect.
- Perruzzi would like REC, Inc. and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to see the options.
- Berman noted we need to meet ADA standards, they are all pre-fabricated, and it is just the configuration.
- Meg Williamson, Interim Public Works Director, advised we need to consider the environment of the site already created.
- Fairbairn asked what can the Advisory Committee do today? If Council does not like, we do not like it.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

Public Works

- Freda Berman advised the Parks Division is shutting down some of the soccer fields at BSP to keep them in shape. The Department is very busy.

BSP

- Gary Perruzzi advised he has received numerous compliments on the parks.

- Discussed 2005 tournaments and 11 softball leagues.
- There are 28 out of 52 weeks in 2005 already booked for tournament play at BSP.

Recreation

- Charlotte Gorton discussed Challenge Day was held at Centennial Park on October 21 and 22 with over 300 participants.
- Charlotte attended the NRPA Conference in NV that had over 6500 people with vendors. Hearts 'N Parks and obesity were some main focuses of the conference.
- The Senior Health Fair was held October 9 at Centennial Park with 500 participants – flu shots were given to over 300 people.
- We sent 40 kids to the Gymnastics Show, with performers from the recent Olympics in San Jose.
- We have a bus trip to Laughlin in November.
- The Annual Holiday Craft Bazaar is December 4.

Library

- Annie Robb advised the Library Board is very interested in the Measure L on the ballot.
- Report to State – the numbers reflects an increase.
- There is a volunteer trip to Georgia O'Keefe exhibit.
- The Children's programs are very strong.
- Film Festival is finishing up.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS

- Hammond asked about getting together, informally, with the staff.
- Discussed having the December Advisory Committee meeting a holiday party with members of the Youth Commission and REC, Inc. on Tuesday, November 14 at 4 pm. Location to be announced.

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: December 14, 2004

Location: Vinoteca, 835-12th Street, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Fairbairn called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robin Fairbairn, Heidi Wicka-Hostetter, Mike Ojeda, David Steaffens, Danna Stroud and Robert Nash
Absent: Robert Gibson, Kevin Will and Amie Hammond
Staff present: Barbara Partridge, Gary Perruzzi, Freda Berman, Charlotte Gorton and Judy O'Neal
City Council reps: Mayor Mecham and Councilman Nemeth
Guests: Mrs. Fairbairn and Mrs. Nemeth

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

CONSENT AGENDA - Table to January meeting

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Review Goals to submit to City Council by January 2005**
 - Director Partridge discussed the need to review the information packet provided before submitting their goal wishes to the City Council.
 - A special meeting was set for Tuesday, December 28, 2004 to discuss the goals to be forwarded to City Council by January 2005. The meeting will be at Centennial Park in the Live Oak Room, Paso Robles.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS - None

ADJOURNED

- A motion was made by Stroud, seconded by Nash, to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. to the Advisory Committee and REC, Inc. mixer.
- Adjourn to the special meeting on Tuesday, December 28, 2005, 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Park, Live Oak Room, 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles, to discuss goals for the City Council.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 1/11/05 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by Judy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant

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