

MINUTES OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: August 9, 2005

Location: Centennial Park – Live Oak Room 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Fairbairn called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Amie Hammond, Robin Fairbairn, Robert Gibson, Heidi Hostetter-Wicka, Christie Withers and Kevin Will
Absent: Robert Nash, Barbara Partridge and David Steaffens
Staff present: Ann Robb, Doug Monn, Charlotte Gorton, Freda Berman and Judy O'Neal
City Council rep: Councilman Nemeth
Council absent: Mayor Mecham
Guests: T.J. Jolicoeur, Rene Martinez and Michael Carvalho

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. A motion was made by Wicka, seconded by Will, to approve the Minutes of the July 12, 2005 meeting - motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2-a. **Batting Cages**

- T.J. Jolicoeur, owner of All Star Batting Cages, discussed his proposal to put coin operated batting cages at BSP. He passed out for review petitions in favor of batting cages at BSP and distributed his written proposal.
- T.J. would put in four, coin operated batting cages for the youth and adults to use and maintain the operation. He is suggesting a cost of \$1.00 with 5% of the revenue going to the city and 5% to pay off machines at approx. \$40,000. After expenses are paid, the city would receive 10% of profit from batting cages.
- Freda Berman, Park Supervisor, voiced concerns about the location T.J. is proposing. The location is on field #3 of the softball complex where the Fire Dept. requires the city to leave open for emergency access during the Fourth of July fireworks. She is also concerned about self-service machines with only a part-time maintenance employee working at BSP. BSP hours of operation are from 6 am to 11 pm.

Advisory Committee comments:

- Concern about city liability and cost incurred if there were a law suit.
- Even though there will be signs requiring protective equipment be worn, if the facility is not monitored by staff during hours of operation, the public may not wear appropriate gear.
- Discussed possibility of a participant getting hit in the head and left unconscious, machinery not working properly, etc.
- Members may want to review the proposed site.
- Discussed a problem of giving city land to T.J. for batting cages when across the freeway, Mr. Butterfield proposes to be offering the same activity which may cause a problem and competition.
- Should this proposal go out to bid like city concession stands?
- Councilman Nemeth brought up the question if prevailing wage would impact this proposal because of city land, profit paid to the city, etc.
- After discussion, A motion was made by Wicka, seconded by Will, to ask Robb to go to the City Attorney for clarification and answers on the following and report back - motion passed:
 - Can we get a buy-in from the city for an alternate route for emergency access from Emergency Services Dept. for the Fourth of July celebration at BSP? Right now they use the area proposed for the batting cages on softball field #3.
 - City liability.
 - Should the city go out to bid for installing batting cages at BSP?
 - Does prevailing wage apply since the cages would be located on city property and will receive a percentage of the revenue?

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

2-b. **Radio Lazer Broadcasting Corporation requesting use of Sherwood Park**

Rene Martinez and Michael Carvalho discussed:

- Representatives advised they wanted to use City Park for a new event celebrating Mexican Independence Day. Since there are no new events in City Park, they chose to use Sherwood Park.
- This group did the Cinco de Mayo celebration this year in City Park. They have done special events at schools but would prefer public parks.
- They would be willing to pay the \$1,000 cost.

Staff's report:

- Berman advised the city has received a use of facility application for Sherwood Park for Sunday, September 18, 2005 from 8 am to 7 pm to celebrate Mexico's Independence with vendor booths and 10-12 bands from Radio Lazer Broadcasting Corp.
- Sherwood Park soccer fields are reserved all day for games and are heavily used.
- This new event is only estimating 500 people but Berman feels it would bring in much more.
- Cost to the city would be for 8 hours overtime for staff to monitor event, city would have to provide portable bathrooms, bring in additional dumpsters, problems already exist with

neighbors regarding soccer players and noise and there is not sufficient parking for this type of event. Estimated cost is \$1,000 to city and takes away from existing events planned.

- Berman does not endorse this event.
- Advisory members recommended using Mid State Fairgrounds that has all amenities they need, put their request in for next year with more than one month's notice and asked if they tried using a school site.
- After discussion, a motion was made by Will, seconded by Wicka, to agree with staff's recommendation to deny the use of Sherwood Park on September 18, 2005 for a Mexican Independence celebration by Radio Lazer Broadcasting Corp – motion passed.

3. **Election of 2005-2006 Officers**

- Fairbairn talked with Member Nash before the meeting, if he would accept the Chairman nomination and he agreed. Fairbairn made a motion, seconded by Gibson, to nominate Robert Nash as Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – motion passed.
- Member Wick made a motion, seconded by Withers, to nominate Amie Hammond as Vice Chairperson for the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – motion passed.

GOALS & AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES

- After discussion, Gibson made a motion, seconded by Fairbairn, to use the September 12 meeting as a Goal Setting Workshop to establish the 2005-2006 Goals and assign members to Ad Hoc Committees – motion passed.
- This is usually a lengthy meeting and dinner will be provided.
- Members were asked to be prepared to discuss their goal ideas. Secretary has provided the previous goals to assist with their recommendations.

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Doug Monn, Interim Director of Public Works advised:

- The city is working on a contract for special events.
- Monn has received comments back from the City Attorney regarding the signs at BSP and will do a staff report to the City Council. He will give an update at the September meeting.

Annie Robb discussed:

- City Council postponed their decision on the proposed fees to hold a workshop for public input on August 24 at 7 pm in the City Hall Conference Center.
- The Library & Recreation fall Activity Guide will be out within the next couple of weeks.
- The Olsen Ranch Beechwood Public Study Session is August 11 at 7:30 pm for a specific plan to construct 1200-1300 homes. Councilman Nemeth explained the Neo-Traditional style of homes being proposed and the process of the specific plan. Members were encouraged to attend and give their input regarding parks and recreational areas within this development. There will be a charette (group of meetings) August 28 – September 1 with consultants working with city staff and the public.
- Paso Robles Main Street is establishing a policy and operating procedures for art in public places called "Celebrating the Arts in Our Community". Robb will write a letter

to Main Street explaining the city has an art policy. Fairbairn would like to have his letter sent to Mrs. Moye discussing areas of conflict and to be on record for addressing their proposed policy. He further expressed the desire to work with Main Street but note any conflicts their policy may have with the existing city policy.

- Salinas River – A staff report will go to City Council at their August 16 meeting giving an update on the Salinas River project and the August 22 workshop at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Center.
 - The Parks and Recreation Advisory members are the host of the August 22 workshop with the Chairman introducing the Mayor and then turning the public workshop over to the RCD (Resource Conservation District) group for the presentation.
 - Robb sent out mailers to the residents of the Riverbank housing area, adjacent to the Larry Moore Park, inviting them to the August 22 public workshop.
 - Follow the River - Follow the Dream group will have an initial meeting open to the public September 22 to gather ideas and then a three-day workshop starting September 29 through October 1, 2005, to discuss the Salinas River project plans.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

BSP & Parks Department:

- Freda Berman, Park Supervisor, advised the parks division is working hard to bring Pioneer Park back after parking cars on it during the Mid State Fair and the recent heat wave affecting all the parks.
- We have an exciting tree planting program scheduled at BSP to create more shade.
- August 27 is the Olive Festival in the City Park with over 100 booths and the event is growing yearly.
- Labor Day weekend brings back West Coast Kustom Car show in the City Park.

Recreation & Seniors:

Charlotte Gorton, Recreation Services Manager, discussed:

- Due to the hot weather, both pools have been very busy. Pool staff is planning their annual event Hot August Night on Saturday, August 13 from 4-7 pm at Centennial Pool. Municipal pool closes August 21 and Centennial closes August 28.
- REC, Inc.'s Concerts in the City Park series is doing very well with more participants than ever before and continues to grow. Also, REC, Inc.'s Duck Derby is September 10 which is their annual fund raiser. They have established a wish list for means of raising money and supplying the city with items such as picnic benches, tables, umbrellas, trees, etc.
- Once again, LRS is offering a Star Gazing event at BSP with a huge telescope on August 13 at 8:30 p.m. Free to the public – family event.
- The Fishing Derby was very successful with Walmart as a sponsor with 66 participants. We did have a problem finding fish but obtained fish just in time for the event.
- Gorton discussed Senior Citizen summer events.
- Gave update on Centennial Park renovation and Sherwood Forrest projects.

PLANNING COMMISSION - Absent

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

Councilman Nemeth advised the Council is very busy with meetings that will continue this month.

UNSCHEDULED MATTERS - None

ADJOURNED

- A motion was made by Fairbairn, seconded by Gibson, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.
- The meeting was adjourned to Olsen Ranch Beechwood Public Study Session August 11 and then the Salinas River Parkway public workshop August 22.
- The next regular Advisory Committee meeting is on Tuesday, September 13, 2005, 4:00 p.m. at Centennial Park, Live Oak Room, 600 Nickerson Drive, Paso Robles.

THESE MINUTES WERE APPROVED BY THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AT THEIR 9/13/05 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by Judy O'Neal, Administrative Assistant

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