

**Minutes**  
**Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness**  
**February 11, 2009**  
**4:00 PM**  
**Abilene City Hall**  
**Basement Conference Room**

The Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness met on February 11, 2009 in the Basement Conference Room of City Hall, 555 Walnut, Abilene, Texas 79601. Liz Rotenberry, Chairperson, was present and presiding. Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness members present were: Mary Herron, Bill Horn, Karen Stover, Joy Hedges, Deonna Shake, Ralph McCleskey, and Tonya Brice. Also present were Jessica Dulle, Center for Contemporary Arts; Judy Jeffreys, AISD; Susan Gerard, City of Abilene Recreation Department; Wilson Rotenberry, Abilene Christian University; Tony Neitzler; Kelley Messer, and Audria Hammond – City of Abilene Staff.

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:25 pm by Liz Rotenberry, Chairperson.

**2. Approval of Minutes: December 10, 2009 and January 14, 2009 Meeting**

On a motion by Ralph McCleskey and seconded by Tanya Brice, the Council approved the Minutes from the Council Meetings held on December 10, 2009 and January 14, 2009.

**3. Discussion and Recommendation of Assistance Requests**

**a) ArtWalk for Fitness**

Jessica Dulle, Executive Director for the Center for Contemporary Arts presented her request for support the ArtWalk for Fitness Event scheduled for September 10, 2009. ArtWalk for Fitness will be the theme for the event. The amount requested was \$500.00. Funds will be utilized for activities promoting healthy living and fitness for all age groups. Attendance for the monthly ArtWalk event is between 800-1200. In addition, the funds will be utilized for marketing of the event. The Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness logo will be utilized to promote the event.

The \$500.00 request was approved by the Council

**b) AISD-Onsite Wellness Facility**

Judy Jeffreys, AISD, presented the request for AISD Worksite Wellness. She stated that AISD is working to establish a worksite wellness facility where employees can exercise during their lunch break or before or after work in an effort to see health claims decrease and to encourage healthier lifestyles.

It was noted that the request did not include a dollar amount and did not identify specific uses for the funds. Ms. Jeffreys stated that the funds will be used to assist with the purchase of fitness equipment at an estimated cost of \$5,000.

On a motion by Tanya Brice, to deny the request at this time, seconded by Dennis O'Connell, the Council agreed to deny the request. Mr. Jeffreys informed that she submit a request for funding at a later once specific needs have been established.

**c) Steam-n-Wheel Bike Race**

Susan Gerard, City of Abilene Recreation Department, presented her request for Support of the 18th Annual Steam-N-Wheels Bike Race and Fun Ride set for March 21, 2009. The event promoted bicycling and bicycle safety for all ages three and up and promotes fitness for a lifetime. The request was for personal appearances by the Mayor and/or members of the Mayor's Council and use of the banner.

On a motion by Joy Hedges, seconded by Bill Horn, the Council approved the request.

**d) Mayor's Roundup 5k Run/Walk**

Joy Hedges presented her request for \$350 for the printing on the logos on the back of the T-Shirts for the Mayor's Round up 5K Run/Walk set for April 18, 2009. The event encourages running and walking in the Abilene Community, especially among family and children. The support will allow for the printing of the Council's logo on the back of the t-shirt with the three or four mail sponsors.

On a motion by Mary Herron, seconded by Tanya Brice, the Council approved the request. Joy Hedges abstained from voting.

**e) GALAXY Social Club – ACU – Kirk Goodwin 5k Run**

Wilson Rotenberry, Abilene Christian University, presented his request for \$500 to support the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Kirk Goodwin 5K Run set for Saturday, April 4, 2009. The Kirk Goodwin Run was established to honor Kirk Goodwin was an ACU student and member of Galaxy Social Club and was killed in a car accident. The proceeds from the run are used to help families whose students have incurred hospital debt. Chip timing will be utilized this year in an effort to attract more students and non-student participants from Abilene and the surrounding area. The Mayor's Council logo will be placed on the event t-shirts. Approximately 200 participated in last year's event.

Ralph McCleskey voiced his concern that a limited population (students) would participate in the event and that the Council had set a precedence to include all populations.

Bill Horn noted that the event also promoted physical fitness

Tanya Brice noted that the event would also be a way to get the word out about the Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness.

Mrs. Brice left the meeting at 5:10.

**Mr. Wilson was advised that no action could be taken because of a lack of quorum of Council members present. He was asked to come to the next Council Meeting.**

#### **8. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm because of a lack of quorum.