

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2009

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. in the Health Departments Conference room. Board members present were Amber Cree, Gail Russey, James Smith, Terry Johnson, Julie Napier and Leroy King. Absent was Toney Gutierrez. Community Services staff present were Mike Hall, Director; Tony Neitzler, Asst. Director; Carl Scott, Senior Citizen/Recreation Administrator; Bob Cheatham, Parks Superintendent; Kelly Messer, Legal Department; Bill Baker, Zoo Administrator; Susan Gerred and Linda Hansen, Executive Secretary.

Chair, Amber Cree called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m..

Invocation was given by Leroy King.

Leroy King moved that the minutes of the, May 5, 2009, meeting be approved. Gail Russey seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Presentation of Service Award: Carl Scott presented a 10 year service award to Steve Miller. Steve is the Center Coordinator at Sears Recreation. Bob Cheatham presented a 5 year service award to Roy Williams and a 10 year service award to Alfredo Gonzales. Roy and Alfredo are employees in our Parks Department

Participation Report: (Recreation) Carl Scott stated that the Steam-n-Wheel Bike Fun Ride was successful again this year with 257 participants. Recreation classes and after school classes are running at about the same levels. There has been no significant change in the numbers for this quarter. Tennis numbers are running about the same.

Participation Report: (Senior Citizens) Carl Scott stated that the numbers have been down due to the swine flu concerns. The exercise classes continue to be popular, with many Doctors encouraging patients to utilize the services and equipment offered by our Senior Citizens Department.

2010 Budget update: Mike Hall stated that the budget process has been challenging. We have looked at ways to increase revenue and decrease expenditures and a possible fee increase. The City has cut about 2.3 million dollars from the original budget. An incentive package was offered to some eligible employees to retire. Park mowing was decreased by \$140,000. We are looking at increasing the Cemetery Fees; there have been no increases since 1983. In addition, we are looking at increasing the fees for rentals and the summer playground program. We will continue to look at all aspects to increase revenue and cut expenses.

Request fee increase for Cemetery, Summer Playground, Activity Buildings, Rose Pool and

Swimming Pool rental rates: Carl Scott presented the below information as the suggested fee increases for the Recreation:

Increase Summer Playground Fees	\$17,300
Session I & II increase from \$70 to \$80	
Session III increase from \$55-\$65	
Increase Activity Building Fees	\$ 5,000
½ day \$75 increase to \$100 – All day \$125 increase to \$150 - Private	
½ day \$100 increase to \$125– All day \$200 increase to \$250– Non- Profit Fund Raiser	
½ day \$125 increase to \$150 - All day \$250 increase to \$300– Commercial Fund Raiser	
Increase Rose Pool Admission	\$10,000
\$2.00 for children & Adults increase to \$3.00	
Increase Swimming Pool rental rates	\$ 2,000
25 or less \$36 increase to \$40	
50 or less \$40 increase to \$50	
75 or less \$44 increase to \$60	
100 or less \$48 increase to \$70	
250 or less \$52 increase to \$80	
TOTAL	\$34,300

Bob Cheatham presented the below information as the suggested fee increases for the Parks:

Parks	Revenue Increase
Increase Festival Gardens rental rates	\$4,000
½ day \$75 increase to \$100 – All day \$150 increase to \$200 - Private	
½ day \$100 increase to \$125 – All day \$200 increase to \$250– Non- Profit Fund Raiser	
½ day \$125 increase to \$150 - All day \$250 increase to \$300– Commercial Fund Raiser	

Bob Cheatham presented the below information as the suggested fee increases for the Cemetery:

Spaces	
Adult	\$400 increase to \$750
Infant	\$100 increase to \$300
Cremation	\$200 increase to \$300
Opening and Closing	
Adult	\$375 increase to \$750
Infant	\$200 increase to \$300
Cremation	\$200 increase to \$300
Overtime O/C Adult	
Mon-Fri	\$475 increase to \$1000
Saturday	\$600 increase to \$1200
Disinterment	
Adult	\$500 increase to \$800
Infant	\$200 increase to \$500
Cremation	\$100 increase to \$500

County \$375 no increase

Johnson Park and Sea Bee Park Development schedule: Tony stated that everything is on

schedule. See attached schedule.

Operation Report: (Recreation) Carl Scott stated that there were over 300 kids participating in the regional track meet. 21 individuals from our club qualified for the State meet. There were 550 – 650 citizens that participated in the Mayor’s Council on Physical Fitness free swim day. Summer playground program is in full swing and we are at full capacity at five of the locations, with openings at Daniels and Sears Recreation centers.

Operation Report: (Senior Citizen) Carl Scott stated that Flag Day, June 12 was celebrated. Many Seniors participated in the event to properly retire worn flags with a burning ceremony. Taps and the Star Spangled Banner were played during the ceremony. The local Veterans and Boy Scouts also participated in the event.

Operation Report: (Parks) Bob Cheatham stated that the crews have been focusing on mowing. The two fountains at Nelson Park have been installed; these fountains will help in aerating the lake and beautification. The Zoo Giraffe sign is in the process of being moved.

Operation Report: (Zoo) Bill Baker stated that the shelter for the Black Rhino has been installed. The Tiger exhibit security measures were completed. The new recycle center is in progress and almost complete. Construction has begun on the Ocelot Elm Creek exhibit. The Vet Clinic is underway with meetings planned with the engineers. The gift shop business continues to grow.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.