

## PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

October 1, 2013

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in the Community Services Board Room. Board members present were Gail Russey, Leroy King, Leigh Black, Jeff Goodin and Julie Napier. Absent were Gary Grubbs and Robyn Wertheim. Community Services staff present were, James W. Childers, Director, Lesli Andrews, Assistant Director, Richard Rodgers, Interim Parks Superintendent, Jeff White Recreation/Senior Administrator, Bill Gersonde, Zoo Superintendent, Kelly Messer, Legal Department; and Linda Hansen, Executive Secretary.

Gail Russey called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Invocation was given by Leroy King.

Jeff Goodin moved that the minutes be approved for the July 2, 2013 meeting. Leigh Black seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

**Service Awards:** James presented a 5 year service award to Richard Rodgers who is the Parks Supervisor.

**Parks Master Plan:** James Childers stated that the Jim Carrillo with Halff and Assoc. meet with staff, Public Works and Board Members. He will be back to meet with other Board Members as well as Council. They will be looking for a lot of feedback from the community as well. The target date for completion will be early June 2014.

**Budget Update:** James Childers stated that most items were approved. Some of the larger items was the replacement of Everman Park water fountain, Rose Park playground engineered wood surface, replace Jaguar caging and purchase a skid steer.

**The Color Run 5 K:** James Childers stated that the organization has approached the City to have this event on December 7, 2013 at Nelson Park. With some concerns with the Zoo being open; the organization was asked to adjust the proposed route without using the Zoo's parking lot. They anticipate 6-8000 runners and the money raised would benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

**Fall Activity Guide:** Jeff White stated that the new guide is on line and a printed copy is available for citizens. Page 4 has a tribute to Amber Cree. There are several activities showcased for fall.

**Operational Report (Recreation/Senior Citizens):** Jeff White stated that one new event is "Mingle with your Mutt" this event is co-sponsored by Animal Services. They will be doing free microchips, a movie will be shown later in the evening. Adaptive Recreation Center received a \$5,000 grant from the United Way; they will use this money to buy new tables and chairs. Men's Flag Football has 5 teams that play Tuesday and Thursdays. The seniors hosted a talent and a sponsorship party. There is a trip to Fredericksburg planned.

**Operational Report (Parks):** Richard Rodgers gave each board member a report showing the breakdown on man hours used to mow each class. The Festival Garden wall repair began September 30. The roof at Redbud Concession is being repaired and they are also painting. Abatement at Sears concession will have to be done before construction can begin on the building. New playgrounds are being designed for Redbud and Sears. Lighting will be done on one more field with the new ballast there should be a 60% savings on electricity. The Big Belly trash cans have been a big success, with less bees being present.

**Operational Report (Zoo):** Lesli Andrews stated that the Society employees have all been moved to the City payroll, the Zoological Society will continue to pay salaries. The AZA accreditation will be scheduling the inspection. The Quarantine building is on schedule. The Zoological Society requested approval from City Council to raise admission by \$1 in each category.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.