

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

April 9, 2013

The Parks and Recreation Board held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 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 Robyn Wertheim and Gary Grubbs. Community Services staff present were, James W. Childers, Director, Lesli Andrews, Assistant Director, Bob Cheatham, Parks Superintendent, Donnie Hart, Recreation Supervisor, Stan Smith, 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 February 19, 2013 meeting. Leroy King seconded the motion. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Presentation of Participation Report: Donnie Hart stated that the League numbers are down, the AYBA lost a few teams and class participation numbers are down due to the loss of a Zumba instructor.

Operational Report (Recreation/Senior Citizens): Donnie stated that the Adaptive Recreation had four teams participate in the Special Olympics. There was a good turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt held at Rose Park. The Bike Race was held March 23rd, with over 250 riders. Spring Break Camp was a great success, with the maximum of 40 registering. We will look at expanding this program due to the success. April is Volunteer Appreciation month. The Splashpad will open April 20th, the Mayor 5K race will be held April 20th. We will begin the summer playground program registration April 10th. We are currently hiring staff for the summer playground.

Operational Report (Parks): Bob stated that the crews are gearing up for spring with planting and tree trimming.

Operational Report (Zoo): James stated that the contract has been approved by Council for the Quarantine Building; the goal is to have the building completed by this winter.

Executive Session: Gail Russey recessed the Parks and Recreation Board into Executive Session at 8:50 a.m. pursuant to Sections 551.071, and 551.072 of the Open Meetings Act, to seek the advice of the City Attorney with respect to pending and contemplated litigation, to consider the sale of park land.

Reconvene: The Parks and Recreation Board reconvened from Executive Session at 9:25 a.m. and reported no votes or action was taken in Executive Session in regards to Section 551.072 deliberation about the sale of real property and Section 551.071 discussion with attorney regarding sale of park land. Jeff Goodin made a motion to table the Recommendation to City Council for Special Election to sell Park land. Leroy King seconded the motion. With all in favor the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.