

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

PARKS MAINTENANCE FACILITY

FEBRUARY 24, 2014

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Sara Brainard	X	
Michael Churchill	X	
Ryan Mackley		X
Wilma Paddock		X

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Stilson, Wayne Edgeton, Tom Whitmore, Angie Wilkins

MINUTES OF JANUARY 6TH MEETING: Minutes could not be approved due to not having a quorum.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

SENIOR CENTER REPORT: None

UPDATE ON DFP PHASE 1 PROJECT: Things are moving forward and a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for Thursday. Tom let the board know that bids on the bleachers are back but is still waiting on final specs.

UPDATE ON BOARD VACANCY STATUS: Staff is expecting applications from two more candidates but are still accepting. Tom stated that there three applications have been submitted. One candidate has expressed a commitment, but has failed to submit an application.

CONSIDER FEE CHANGE FOR ART DAGUE POOL/WATERSLIDE: Staff is proposing fee changes for pool admissions and swim lessons. Michael commented that the prices are very reasonable and Sara agreed. Recommended fees changes were to eliminate the non-swimmer fee and charge full admission for everyone entering the pool, eliminate the two tier youth \$5/adult \$6 admission fee and charge \$5 for all admissions, and to increase swim lessons from \$30 to \$35. Tom stated that fees haven't been raised for a long period and that if we used CPI beginning in 2000, swim lesson fees could be around \$47. Batting cage expenses are out of proportion to fees collected and use is low, so we recommended limiting hours to times of the day when the most use has historically occurred. Batting cage hours are limited to pool open hours. Tom stated that we need to be responsible to taxpayers and make sure that user s fund a responsible share of expenses. The consensus of the board was to support staff's recommendation for fee changes and decreasing batting cage hours. Recommendations will be taken to City Council by resolution at a future meeting.

CONSIDER LAND DONATION: The City has been approached by the legal representative of an anonymous land donor who wishes to donate a parcel to the Parks and Recreation Department. Michael and Sara had concerns for maintenance of the property. Tom stated that maintenance would be minimal with weed mowing and snow removal, which is also done nearby at Metro Park. Board member consensus was to accept the land donation, providing there were no stipulations as to how the parcel would be used and when it would be developed.

CONSIDER PIONEER MESA HOA PLAYGROUND REQUEST: Pioneer Mesa HOA is having difficulty with funding their playground maintenance and is requesting that the City assist with funding repairs to the asphalt basketball court at their playground. Michael stated he didn't feel it was the City's responsibility to maintain privately owned parks and Sara agreed. The consensus of the board was to not grant the request of the HOA.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 10th.

OTHER: Tom asked the board to consider changing fees at Rifle Mountain Park. Fees have remained low for a long period of time. Unfortunately, the honor system isn't being honored at the park. More people are resistant to paying fees and, occasionally, patrons have conflicts with other campers. Law enforcement is required at the park more and more frequently. Due to these kinds of behaviors, it makes sense to raise fees gradually, to help offset increased management costs. A possible change would be to increase the camping fee from \$7 to an even \$10 and leaving the day use fee the same at five dollars. Increasing annual passes would also be considered.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm