

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

August 8, 2023

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center and called to order at 7:00am on Tuesday, August 8, 2023. Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Chairman David Schrader, Bertell Butler, Rob Oman and Laui Schmutz-Harden were in attendance. Stephen Blanchard attended as a potential new member.

The June 13, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved. (There was no quorum in July.)

INTRODUCTION:

- Andre Julien, Parks & Recreation Director – Introduced

OLD BUSINESS:

- Pool Resurfacing
 - Timeframe – The project will start on August 9th and will take approximately 6 to 8 weeks
- Carolyn asked when the moldy table umbrella outside by the pool deck will be replaced. This has been a topic for several meetings and it is still not replaced to this date. Andre and Kevin said that it will be replaced prior to the next Advisory Board meeting.
- Bertell followed up on a motion made by the committee to open up membership to a non-resident. At a previous board meeting, all voted unanimously to have the Board Policy changed to allow one County Seat (non-City resident) to be open on the Board. A motion was made to present this to City Council. CM Manns said she will discuss with City Council.
- Members discussed the need for a new (or updated) full list of programs which are offered by the Recreation & Aquatics Center. Information on all programs and events need to be advertised to as many people as possible. Andre suggested using QR codes in addition to any flyers and/or posters.
- Dave suggested bringing back activities such as building cars from cardboard boxes during movie nights.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Parks and Recreation Master Plan – CM Manns spoke to the Master Plan and said that it is due for an update. Funding has been appropriated for the 23/24 fiscal year to have a consultant come in and update the plan. Andre said he will take the lead on this and will start the process right away.
- End of Summer Spectacular Event – Kevin spoke to this event, which will be held on Saturday, Sept. 2nd, beginning at 5:00pm. Volunteers are needed as there will be a dunk tank, inflatables, games and a fire truck. The Super Mario Bros movie (PG) will start when it gets dark, approximately 8:30pm.

- Summer Camp Wrap-up & Look Ahead – Summer camp has ended and was a big success. The staff of the Recreation & Aquatics center did a great job from start to finish. There is discussion on possibly extending the camp to eight (8) weeks next year, possibly adding a “specialized” week to the beginning and/or the end of the program. There is also talk of the possibility of a fee increase for 2024.
- Movie Night – Free family movie night is this Saturday, August 12, 2023 and the movie will begin at 8:15pm. The movie is “Paws of Fury: The Legend of Hank” (PG). Future movie night dates will be announced once they have been decided upon.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

- Implementation of Meadows Oak Park Project – CM Manns spoke about the opposition of the residents regarding the new pickleball courts set to be installed by the basketball courts. The City will be holding two community input sessions to provide information on the park construction plans, including the pickleball courts.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

VOX POP:

Comment: Jasmine Park has a dead tree that needs cleaned up. This needs to be reported to Facilities Maintenance.

Comment: The pavement on the path needs resurfaced. This is set to be done FY 2023-2024, per CM Manns.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45am.

Respectfully submitted,
Krista J. Schiano