

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

December 12, 2023

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center and called to order at 7:04am on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Board Members Chairman David Schrader, Carolyn Marlowe, Rob Oman, Launi Schmutz-Harden and Bertell Butler were in attendance. Stephen Blanchard was not in attendance.

The November 14, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The pools are operating and the pumps are running. The heaters are onsite and tentatively scheduled to be installed on 12/18/2023.
- Holiday hours were communicated. Friday, 12/22 6:00am – 8:00pm, Saturday, 12/23/2023 10:00am – 5:00pm, Sunday, 12/24/2023 7:00am – 1:00pm. The facility will be closed on 12/25/2023. The following weekend, beginning Friday, 12/29/2023, the same hours will be followed and the facility will be closed Monday, 1/2/2024.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Rob asked about the status of the annual membership sale. David said the sale was a good thing. The sale was going for approval at the next Council meeting.
- Sims Park has been resodded. The majority of it has been completed and David asked about the artificial turf project.
- Upcoming CIP projects: locker rooms; basketball courts (outdoor) resurfacing; refinishing of slides. Bertell asked about the wall in the gymnasium and was informed that it has been fixed and is functional.
- The topic of having a non-resident board member was discussed.
- Friends of the Parks & Recreation Department group – David is working on getting the group together

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- December 1st, 2023 - Light up the Night. Our annual tree lighting event down in Sims Park. Staff spent 2 weeks prior decorating the park. The event included the tree lighting, cookie decorating, different Christmas themed games and crafts, performances on stage, train ride around the park and various food vendors. For the event we had over 14 vendors participate and run a booth while the rec

center had 5 stations of their own. We had approximately 2,500 – 3,000 people in attendance.

- December 8th, 2023 - Family Move Night (free) was The Grinch. We had Coles Snow Cone factory as concession stand and we had over 300 people attend.
- December 9th, 2023 - Holiday Street Parade. We decorated the float for City Council and had City council, the Mayor, the City Manager, and RAC staff ride/walk in the parade. Roughly 10,000 beads were tossed / given out during the parade.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32am.

Respectfully submitted,
Krista J. Schiano