

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2024

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, February 13, 2024. Board Members Chairman David Schrader, Carolyn Marlowe, Rob Oman, Launi Schmutz-Harden, and Bertell Butler were in attendance. Stephen Blanchard was not in attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The January 9, 2024 minutes were unanimously approved.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- Advisory Board members recruitment
An update was provided to the board regarding any new potential board members. Staff has not had anyone express interest in becoming a board member. Staff will continue to work on finding potential new members. Bertell said that he knows two individuals who are interested, however they are not city residents.
- Sims Park playground & fitness area resurfacing
Staff gave an update that the timeline discussed in the previous meeting is still accurate.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- Reappointment of Board Member – Dave Schrader
City Council approved the reappointment of Dave Schrader as a member of the Advisory Board on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.
- Chairman and Vice-chairman election
Bertell made a motion to reappoint Dave Schrader as the Chairman of the Advisory Board. Launi seconded the motion. Motion passed. 5-0. Rob made a motion to nominate Launi as the Vice-chair. Bertell seconded the motion. Motion passed. 5-0
- Recreation Trails Program Grant – James E. Grey Preserve Trail Improvement Project
Staff provided the board with information regarding the RTP Grant application that the City will be submitting at the end of the month.

Staff provided a copy of the proposed site plan for the project. A discussion was held amongst board members about the project. Rob asked about the different types of trails and what the reasoning was to break it up between shell and wooden boardwalks. Staff explained that due to the various path elevations throughout the trail system was why some areas had shell paths and others would be a wooden boardwalk. Staff also made the board aware of the survey that was sent out as part of the public information outreach for the project. The survey was posted to social media and sent out via email. Staff provided the board with the grant amount that they were seeking for this project. Launi made mention of incorporating outdoor educational components when considering how to program the park in the future. The board was supportive of the City's intention to submit an application for this project and encourages staff to continue to seek grant funding for projects.

- **Summer Camp 2024**

This year's summer camp dates will be May 28 – August 9 which is 11 total weeks. The 11-week summer is an increase of 4 weeks from last summer. This is a great opportunity to provide the community with child care coverage for the time that kids are out of school. Chairman Dave Schrader asked about how payments are handled for camp registration. He asked if it's paid weekly or for the full summer.

- **Upcoming Lifeguard Courses – Feb., Mar., & Apr.**

The department will be hosting lifeguard courses for the next three months as we prepare for the upcoming summer pool season.

- **January event wrap-ups**

Staff provided event recaps for the following events:

- *January 13th, 2024-Kids Night Out-Pirate Themed*
Parents drop their kids off for a night of pirate themed games, activities and crafts We had 20 kids attend this one.

- *January 19th & 20th-Home Show Extravaganza*
Hosted the event put on by RJ Kielty. We had over 1000 people over the two days come into the facility to check out the free event.

- *January 19th- Arbor Day Event*
The event was a success. It was held in Frances Ave. Park. City staff, environmental committee chair, members of the public, and students and teachers from Genesis School were a part of the event.

- *January 27th- Concert in the Park-
The concert featured the “All Fired Up” Pat Benatar Tribute Band. The concert was well attended.*
- *February 3rd- Kids Night Out: Super Hero Theme
Parents drop their kids off for a night of pirate themed games, activities and crafts We had 30 kids attend this one.*
- *February 10th- Family Valentines Dance
This is the first year where we did a family dance versus a daddy daughter dance. There were 70 people pre-registered and 10 people the day of the event. DJ McBrownie, who is a city resident and member of the facility was hired as the DJ for the event. The food was catered from Leaning Tower for the event.*
- Request for volunteers at Spring Fling event
Staff asked for volunteers from the board for the upcoming Spring Fling event happening March 30, 2024 from 4:30pm to 8:00pm

4. **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS/REC PROGRAMS/LEAGUES**

Staff provided a general overview of the upcoming events.

- Concert in the Park (Journey Tribute Band – Girls Can’t Help It) – Sat., Feb. 17th @ 7pm, Sims Park
- Quilt Show – Fri., Feb. 16th through Sun., Feb. 18th, Rec & Aquatic Center
- Basketball League evaluations – Sat., Feb. 24th
- Adult Basketball League starts – Wed., Feb 28th
- Kids Night Out – Sat., Mar. 2nd, @ 6pm, Rec & Aquatic Center
- March on Main Chalk Festival (Mainstreet) – Sat., Mar. 2nd, Sims Park
- Cindy’s Pets Strawberry Festival – Sun., Mar. 3rd, Sims Park
- Chasco Fiesta – Fri., Mar. 15th through Sun., Mar. 23rd, Sims Park
 - Boat Parade – Sat., Mar. 16th
 - Car Show – Sun., Mar. 17th
 - Street Parade – Sat., Mar. 23rd
- Spring Camp – Mon., Mar. 25th through Fri., Mar. 29th, 7:30am – 5:30pm
- Spring Fling (Easter event) – Sat., Mar. 30th, @ 5pm, Rec & Aquatic Center
- Concert in the Park (Blues Brothers & Tina Turner Tribute – Rock Review) – Sat., Apr. 13th @ 7pm, Sims Park

Chairman Dave Schrader discussed the issue of parked cars in the downtown area during the parade and that the cars have a difficult time finding there way around the detours. A request to consider the staging of an ambulance due to the road closures was brought up.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53am.

Respectfully submitted,
Krista J. Schiano