

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

December 13, 2016

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:30am on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. Chairman David Schrader, and Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Greg Giordano, Dana Suiters, Joy Phillips, Rob Oman, new alternate member Elizabeth Giordano, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The November 8, 2016 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

New alternate member, Elizabeth Giordano was welcomed onto the Advisory Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Meeting with downtown restaurants - 15 were invited, only 4 attended, & 2 others responded, but were unable to attend. The ones that attended the meeting are very excited about being able to participate in community nights and movie nights at Sims Park. They will not be allowed to sell alcohol; only food items.
- James E. Grey Preserve - 14 Acres - The design phase is moving forward; parking area, trails, no restrooms for now (may be phased in later).
- Sims Park Playground Surface Repair - The hole has been filled in, but doesn't match because the mixture was not right. The company will return to put the right mixture in and complete the repair.
- Parks Master Plan Up-date - The surveys are done and there has been very good support at the meetings. There were about 33 in attendance at the public meeting, and they represented a good cross-section of those that use all of the Park facilities.
- 2017 Sims Park Calendar with Black-out Dates (distributed) - The black-out dates are for preventative maintenance and recovery at the park.
- Children's Winter Art Show - 500 pieces of art were displayed on the pool deck, Christmas music was playing, there were arts & crafts, and free hot chocolate. Santa had giveaways for the children, and the Red Apple School sold artwork. Next year, the art and music teachers at the schools will be contacted at the beginning of the school year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Group Holiday Card Photo - to be done after the meeting; holiday card passed around for signatures of Board members.
- Advisory Board Member Renewals - Carolyn and Justin have re-applied and their renewals are on the December Council meeting Agenda.
- Welcome New Advisory Board Member, Elizabeth Giordano - Elizabeth was introduced and welcomed again to the Board.
- Membership Drive/Sale on Annual Memberships (flyer with prices listed was distributed) - More memberships are sold during the membership drives than the rest of the year. Shirts are a little bit different this year for 10-year Anniversary, and are of a nice quality.
- Summer Concerts Confirmed - All 4 concerts have been booked; music rights licenses are being finalized.
- Infant Swings - Research is being done regarding fall zones to find a way to put infant swings in Sims Park.
- Grey Preserve - The old dock at the new kayak launch has a broken board and is unsafe; Elaine will have that addressed and repaired today.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Winter Fest is this Saturday, December 17th: 4-6pm - We are expecting a large turn-out; 600 have expressed interest on Facebook (flyer was distributed). Elsa and Olaf will be making an appearance (friends of Selma's) for free; Mr. and Mrs. Claus will do giveaways; reindeer food will be given out, 3D glasses (example distributed) will be given away, Arts & Crafts are available for the children to do; 3 snow slides and other games and activities to do for \$5 admission.
- Family Movie Night "Frozen" will be shown at the RAC (following Winter Fest) at 6pm.
- Family Movie Night on January 14th will be back in Sims Park.
- Parks Master Plan - Work Session - January 24th: 6pm - The Steering Committee will meet at 1pm and hear the findings; City Council will hear them at their meeting that same evening at 6pm.

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The holiday photo was taken in the hallway lobby at the RAC.
Next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 10th at 7:30am.
The meeting was then adjourned at 8:15am.

Respectfully submitted,

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