

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2018

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at Peace Hall at 7:00am on Tuesday, January 9, 2018. Chairman David Schrader, and Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Joy Phillips, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The December 12, 2017 minutes were not approved, as there was not a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Toys for Tots provided toys for 1,807 Children on December 23rd – This is a great program, and everything ran very smoothly throughout the day. Thank you to Dave, Joy, Greg, and Elizabeth for assistance with the event.
- Recreation & Aquatic Center Open House Dates – The City Manager would like to have the date closer to construction completion. Open House will be held on Saturday, February 17th at 9am. Invites will be sent out; would like all of Advisory Board to be present and arrive before 9am. There will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony, breakfast with the Mayor and City Council, giveaways, and special times for private tours.
- Winter Art Stroll on December 16th at Sims Park – There were over 1,000 pieces of art on display for the event. The Art teachers loved it and want it again next year. Santa was there and there was a movie afterwards. It was well-attended, also.
- Frances Avenue Restrooms Project Update – The demolition was scheduled to begin yesterday; it will begin after the Asbestos testing that is required has been done.
- RAC Expansion Project Update – The floors have been installed in the Child Watch room and the new Fitness Center room. Furniture is scheduled to be delivered in a week or so. The Fitness Center equipment will be moved on January 17th and 18th. We will probably have the February meeting at Peace Hall, but Donna will notify the Board members when she send out the minutes. The floor in the Aquatic area will be installed on Thursday: there will be fumes from the epoxy.

- Special Event Guidelines – The guidelines were submitted to the City Manager and will be presented to City Council at the Work Session on February 20th.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Arbor Day/Frances Avenue Park – January 19th at 11am – Please attend - Arbor Day was a Parks and Recreation event; then it was given to Public Works; now Parks & Recreation has it back. We are working with Marilyn and Dell DeChant; inviting the Garden Club and the New Port Richey Rotary Club, and the Advisory Board is invited. Arbor Day will be held at Frances Avenue Park on Friday, January 19th at 11am. Public Works will dig the hole for the trees, the children will put some dirt in the hole, and the trees will be planted,
- Cultural Affairs Committee – Great Partnership – They meet every 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm. A partnership has been created between Parks & Recreation and the Cultural Affairs Committee; Elaine is acting as the In-Charge, and KC is assisting her and will be the liaison. The committee has some funding. This Parks & Recreation Advisory Board plus the Cultural Affairs Committee = a good fit.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Adult Basketball League Sign-ups continue through January 31st – Co-ed, Men's, Women's teams all accepted. Youth Basketball Leagues will be done at a later time period.
- Outside Flag Football League – We will be offering that and other sports leagues, if there is interest.
- Family Movie Night "Despicable Me 3" on Saturday, January 13th at 6pm – The Youth Advisory Board will be doing a surprise giveaway at each movie night for the next 5 months. All of the giveaways are from donations.
- Membership Drive continues through January 14th – It is going very well; over 100 had been sold by the end of December. The New Port Richey Show has boosted Membership Drive sales. Dave said he's willing to go on the show as a guest, at some future date. The Facebook page promo sharing & viewing is growing. There was discussion regarding the Ad for the City of New Port Richey during the show; some of the footage is old and outdated.
- Winter Concert "Journey" – January 20th at 7pm – We have a concert scheduled for January, February, and March, 2018.
- Lifeguard Certification Course registration begins January 29th

- Fitness in the Park – February 3rd – This will not happen on February 3rd; we are hiring a Fitness Supervisor that will teach classes, but that person will not be ready this soon.
- Family Movie Night February 3rd at 6pm
- Stamp Fest at RAC – February 8-10th – Stamp Fest is a huge scrapbooking event; the parking lots will be full all day on February 10th. People come from all over to attend this event; they will go downtown to get food. KC is going to downtown restaurants for menus and letting them know about the size of the event, so they can be prepared. She is also putting together a map to hand out to attendees.
- Winter Concert “Bernard Fullen Jr. and the Blue Notes” – February 10th at 7pm - Bernard Fullen Jr. The band has a huge following.

VOX POP

A family from our “sister” City did a walking tour of New Port Richey (with the Mayor and Carolyn) and they were very impressed; especially with the Sims Park playground, Sims Park, and Orange Lake.

The dredging project has not yet begun; there have delays due to piping and some supplies that are needed. Elaine wants to meet monthly with Public Works to better communication between departments; especially concerning events and projects (tennis courts, barricades, etc.), so everyone can work together and is on the same page.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00am at Peace Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47am..

Respectfully submitted,

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