

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

February 13, 2018

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:00am on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. Chairman David Schrader, and Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Joy Phillips, Justin Billings, Greg Giordano, Rob Oman, Elizabeth Giordano, Dana Suiters and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The December 12, 2017 minutes were unanimously approved.

The January 9, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Frances Avenue Park Restroom Project & Sidewalk to Shelter – The old restrooms have been demolished and the project is moving along.
- Arbor Day – There was good attendance at Arbor Day at Frances Avenue Park. Thank you to Dave for assisting.
- 1st Concert of Winter Series – “Chain Reaction” – There were about 700 in attendance for the concert.
- “Blue Notes” Concert – February 10th at Sims Park – The band performed some R & B from the 70’s (type of music). There were over 1,000 in attendance and everyone loved it! There were some surveys done for a percentage of attendees about utilizing the downtown restaurants before or after the concert and at least 57% responded that they did or were planning to. Thank you to Joy for assisting with the band.
- Stamp Fest – This was the second year for this event at the RAC and the facility was packed the entire day. KC made a map of the downtown restaurants, and it was nice to be able to have that hand-out to give to patrons.
- Meeting w/ Event Organizers – Elaine met with event organizers and they understand that we all need to work together to provide quality events.
- Membership Sale – The RAC has new software, enabling people to register on-line. There were a few glitches; however, there were 385 annual memberships purchased during the Membership Drive in December/January. There were also 112 monthly memberships purchased. In December, 2017, there were 931 active members using the RAC in the Silver Sneakers program.

- January & February Family Movie Nights – Youth Advisory Board Giveaways – The Youth Advisory Board did giveaways both movie nights. There are 350 to give out at the March “Star Wars-Rogue One” Movie.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Jasmin Park Design – We are using the Master Plan for updating Jasmin Park and the Dog Park. There will be a meeting with the community to see what they want or need. Jasmin Park will be done this budget year. The Dog Park will be designed this year, but completed next budget year.
- Fitness Center Hours after Open House (Early & Late for Annual Members) – Annual members can swipe in 2 hours early and stay 2 hours after normal closing time to work out in the Fitness Center. *(There was discussion concerning security; access, locks, cameras, and the Card Swipe System.) A staff member will stay 2 hours late to lock up and secure the building. If a member does not abide by the rules (letting others in the building, etc.), they may lose the privilege of early entry/late facility times.
- Quilt Show – Charlie Belcher, with Channel 13 News, will be taping his show at the RAC on Thursday, February 22nd: 6:30-9:30am to help promote the Quilt Show.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Open House Recreation & Aquatic Center – February 17th: 9am (Hand-out) – Attendees will be given this as a “Welcome” as they enter the building. For one day only, there will be 20% off Sale on Annual Memberships. In each area, there will be food and/or giveaways while supplies last. There will be a drawing for a girl’s bicycle, a boy’s bicycle, and 1 month of Karate and uniform free. *(The Program schedule for Open House was reviewed.) There will be a surprise for loyal members; a gift will be presented to each of them at the ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- Daddy Daughter Dinner Dance – February 17th: 4:30-7:30pm – It’s Alice in Wonderland/Mad Hatter themed. The staff will be dressed in costumes, there will be Dresses and Cheshire Cats given away. Dinner will be catered by Leaning Tower restaurant.
- Quilt Show – February 23rd-25th (Already discussed earlier in meeting)
- Chasco Fiesta – March 9th-17th
- Winter Concert March 3rd – “Simon & Garfunkel” (same band that did the “Alter Eagles” summer concert).

VOX POP

Better lighting is needed at Frances Avenue Park. A White Tahoe has been seen there regularly at 6:30am and looks suspicious.

There were positive comments that members have heard about the parks, the playground, and the concerts shared amongst the members.

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00am at the RAC.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47am.

Respectfully submitted,

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