

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2018

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:00am on Tuesday, July 10, 2018. Board Members Chairman Dave Schrader, Carolyn Marlowe, Greg Giordano, Dana Suiters and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The June 12, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Summertime in the City Event – Had 356 children with wristbands and 800+ in attendance. Dan Wright was the sponsor and is looking forward to sponsoring the event next year. They handed out many giveaways and manned the dunk tank.
- 90 Days of Summer Membership Drive – It was very successful and saw an increase in membership over the 2017 drive with 974 memberships sold.
- James E. Grey Preserve Bids – They are still in the review of reference stage of these bids. This bid covers 7 acres of the Preserve off of Congress St.
- Prize Patrol (Shirts and Prizes) – It has been very successful so far. Board members have been invited to participate by handing out the prizes. Pictures of the recipients have been posted on Facebook.
- June Pool Party – It was very successful with over 400 in attendance.
- Jasmin Park Improvement Project – The sidewalk is being re-done in pink. A sidewalk to the dock will be constructed, along with a picnic table, a new sign with the correct spelling of the park's name, and new vegetation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Concert Series Schedule – A schedule of the series was handed out to the Board members. There are 8 concerts on the schedule from July, 2018 through April, 2019. The previous Concert Series was very successful.
- August Advisory Board Meeting – It was unanimously approved that there will not be an August meeting.

- National Drive Electric Week Event – It will be held on Saturday, September 8th, 2018: 10am-2pm in the Gloria Swanson Parking Lot. All dealerships in the area have been invited to participate. There will be electric cars on display and some will be available for test drives. The Sierra Club and other energy conservation groups will participate. The NPR Downtown Merchant group will also be holding events that day.
- Third Thursday Monthly Events – This street festival will be held in conjunction with the NPR Library. Grand Boulevard, from Main Street to Jimmy's, will be closed. There will be vendors in the middle of the road. The downtown restaurants will be invited to participate by selling samples. Local artisans will be invited. Some will have hands-on crafts for the public to make. Adirondack Chairs will be handed out to different merchants for them to decorate and display before the event as advertisement for the event. They will also be placed on the street during the event as a gathering area.
- 180 Seconds of Parks and Recreation – An 180 second clip with pictures of various events will be shown to the City Council on July 17th.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Pool Party – July 14th: 6-9pm
- Fitness in the Park (Sims) – July 21st: 10am. There has been an increase each month in this event.
- Family Movie Night – July 21st: 8:30pm “UP”
- NPR Free Concert – July 28th: 7-8:30pm “Terry White”. He is an alumni of Gulf High School. All GHS alumni have been invited to this concert.
- Cardboard Box Car Contest – September 22nd with the Drive-In Movie - “A Wrinkle in Time”. Monster Jam cars will be handed out to all participants. Other children in attendance will be given a play-dough or a car-making kit. The Board members have been invited to judge the event. The NPR Library will be participating in the event by having two, free cardboard boxcar-making sessions.

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The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11th at 7am at the RAC.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary