

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

September 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:00am on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Board Members Chairman Dave Schrader, Carolyn Marlowe, Greg Giordano, Elizabeth Giordano, Al Renedo, Rob Oman and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The July 10, 2018 minutes were unanimously approved. (There was no meeting in August.)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mommy and Me Painting – The Moms painted a beach scene on a large canvas. The Moms painted the children's feet and the children painted the Moms' feet; the feet were put into the beach scene. It was a full class and it was moved from Sims Park to the RAC due to rain.
- National Drive Electric Week (Cruise-in) – There were 37 cars registered for the event; 5 car dealerships brought them. The electric bicycle was not able to be there due to a sick employee; 20-30 people came to see the electric bicycle. The company with the electric bicycle is considering opening a shop downtown.
- Drive-In Movie Judges; September 22nd (5:45pm – Judges) – We need the Board members that are judging to be at Sims Park at 5:45pm.
- Frances Avenue Restroom Construction Up-Date – The new restrooms will not be open until later in September. The funds used for the project were from the CDBG and there was enough money to put in an ADA sidewalk. We are hoping to put in new shelters this year.
- Grey Preserve Project Up-Date – This project is getting funded over two fiscal year budgets; Penny-for-Pasco & \$200,000 Grant. Grand Opening for Phase I, we are planning to partner with the National Kids-to-Parks Day in May, 2019. This phase will give walking and biking access into the Preserve; connecting new trails to the Park. The total cost for this Phase is \$575,000 (including the grants), and will add a shell drive and boardwalk.
- Jasmin Park Project Up-Date – Chris is heading up the project. So far, debris has been removed, sidewalks are being re-done, tree-trimming, & new signs. Sidewalks will be stained pink to match the neighborhood. It

is a small project; \$40,000 CIP and will be well under budget to complete. No lights will be added. The "E" will be removed from the sign.

- FY 18/19 Budget Up-Date – Grey Preserve Phase II

NEW BUSINESS:

- Promotional Videos (B-Day Party Rentals, etc.) – KC is doing promotional videos on Facebook for Pickleball, and Birthday parties (Rob asked about the Child Watch area and Party Rentals.)
- Membership Referral Rewards Promotion – We are doing some fun things; if you refer someone and they become a member, you will be rewarded.
- New Member Coffee, Orientation – Some of the instructors will be there along with the Fitness Center Supervisor, Tom (with Pickleball), to make new members feel more welcome.
- Bring-a-Friend Days – A member can bring a friend for free for the day.
- Hook a New Member – If a new person joins, they are entered in a drawing for a new fishing pole.
- Monthly Member Appreciation Display w/Coffee – A way of saying Thank You to our members.
- Pickleball (Night) League – This is a new program that has been generating some interest.
- Low Impact Dumbbell Class on Tuesdays (new class) – It is free for members and taught by our Fitness Center Supervisor. It has been so well-attended that it may go to two days per week.
- Self Defense, Thursdays (new class) – Anyone may take the class, but it is geared mainly for women.
- Fencing, Wednesdays (new class) – There will be a demo tomorrow evening and the class will begin the Wednesday after that.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 9-11 Memorial Program at Sims Park – The Memorial is tonight. The music will begin at 6:30pm and the program at 7pm. The Youth Advisory Board members will hand out programs, flags, and waters. The program is about 1 hour long.
- River Clean-up; Sims Park Boat Ramp; September 15th: 7:30am (Jill) – Elaine is unable to be there. Jill will be there early. We are using the 2017 shirts instead of buying new ones; it is a conservation event.
- NPR Concert; "Almost ABBA"; Sims Park; September 15th: 7-8:30pm – We are expecting a large crowd for this one.
- Fitness in the Park; Sims Park Stage; September 22nd: 10am – The participation has been increasing. The theme for this one is Self-Defense;

our Karate instructor will be instructing the class. These classes are designed to promote the classes offered at the RAC.

- Drive-in Movie; Sims Park; September 22nd: 6pm – There will be a clipboard with a scoresheet, and a sash for each judge. The YAB will deliver a bucket of popcorn, a mug, and a juice to each child. Each child will also receive a plush Monster Truck and a Blue Ribbon. Before the event, lines will be drawn with spray chalk to mark each parking spot and there will be helpers “parking” the cars, wearing reflective vests and carrying a flashlight. (Dave and Al said they would assist with chalking at 5pm. Al also said he would be there to assist Jill with the River Clean-up.)
- Youth Splash & Dash (Aquathon); September 29th – This is a new event, non-competitive, for youths to do for fun and be active.
- YAB Zombie Fun Run; Grey Preserve; October 6th – This is the 4th year for this event. Dave will assist in giving out medals. There will be a few extra Zombies besides the YAB. Two bicycles will be given away.

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The YAB Summertime in the City event is not a fundraiser. The YAB members learn how to plan and run events. We do have a sponsor that pays \$2,000 for the inflatables. The admission fees make up for the extra \$800 cost for the inflatables. Al suggested that a Wood Working Shop class be offered at the RAC. He said he would do a little research on the subject and would be willing to assist with the class. There was some discussion about comparing the RAC to the YMCA and LA Fitness regarding customer service.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at 7am at the RAC. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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