

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

October 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:00am on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. Board Members Joy Phillips, Dana Suiters, Rob Oman, Greg Giordano, Justin Billings, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance. (Greg acted as Chairman for the meeting.)

The September 10, 2019 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Grey Preserve Project Up-Date/Requested from Advisory Board – We have an Engineer working with us on the project; finalizing the site plan for the 1st parcel (7 acres). We are applying for 2 grants to help with costs for walking trails, boardwalk, bridge, connecting trails, etc. We don't have to wait for Grant approval; keep moving forward. The other 7 acres will be developed after the first one is finished.
- Sculpture Walk – Sims Park & Orange Lake – The next CAC meeting is next Wednesday; the Call for Artists will go out. Right now, the applications are due in January; with the installation of sculptures in March, 2020. The sculptures will be in place for 1 year. This will bring Cultural experiences to the City. Funds from the Public Art Fund (\$4,000) will be used to pay for the pedestal bases for the 8 sculptures.
- Elizabeth is getting married and moving out of the City. This leaves one opening for an Alternate position on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Recreation Center Cost Recovery – This has not been completed; the books are not closed out from 2018-2019 yet. This is tabled until next month.
- ADA Door Opener/Family Restroom – The ADA door has been installed on the Family Restroom; giving easier access to those that need it.
- Membership Sale on Annual Memberships – The Annual Membership Sale will be brought before City Council next month. Questions came up

last month about how other similar cities, etc. are pricing residents vs. non-residents, etc.

- CIP Projects – There are plans for renovations at Grey Preserve and the Meadows Dog Park for more shade, and improvements on the irrigation, and playground. The Sims Park Boat Ramp project is being designed, engineered, and bid – construction will go into next fiscal year. Sports lighting in the gymnasium needs to be re-done. The Palm room needs a sound system installed, as became evident during the Lecture Series last February. Showers at the RAC – the tile, floors, and fixtures will be re-done this year. (These will be done one restroom at a time, so the RAC will stay open during the work.)
- Invitations/Member Appreciation Celebration (distribution) – We are able to notify Members through email and the IT Department that their Membership is expiring, Summer Camp registration is coming up, etc. There is a Member Appreciation breakfast & lunch tomorrow beginning at 7am until 12:30pm (Invitations to the Board were distributed). There will be some giveaways too, as our way of saying “Thank You” to our annual Members. The next one is planned as a Kick-off for the Membership Drive.
- At 1pm, there is the GHS Homecoming Parade at Sims Park.
- Greg acknowledged Elaine and the Youth Advisory Board for the FRPA Volunteer Award they received. They are the only group of volunteers that have won the award two times. Elaine said thank you for the support.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Concert Series began on October 5th – nearly 4,000 attended the Billy Joel tribute band concert. Elaine is trying to create a second golf cart parking area. Simply Tina on November 9th, is creating more interest than even Billy Joel. People are coming from all over to attend the concerts.
- Swim Meet on Saturday – parking will be a problem at the RAC.
- Bike Fest (Sims) – downtown will be busy.
- Fitness in the Park – join Zach on October 19 at Sims Park at 10am.
- Kids Night Out – It is getting larger; some parents are getting together and going downtown to eat. The kids are fed dinner and do a variety of fun activities.
- Movie Night is “Goosebumps 2”
- Trick or Treat is downtown for the children 12 years and under. There will be a Haunted House at Peace Hall geared toward older children.

VOX POP

Thank you to Public Works for fixing the outside entrance lights to RAC.
Next month we will talk more about the CAC Holiday Event on 12/21/19.
There will be Toys for Tots boxes at the "Simply Tina" Concert on
November 9th.
The meeting adjourned at 7:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

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(For Carolyn Marlowe,
Secretary)

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