

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

March 10, 2020

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at the Recreation & Aquatic Center at 7:00am on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Joy Phillips, Dana Suiters, Al Renedo, Rob Oman, Greg Giordano, Kai Sonnenschein, Chairman Dave Schrader, and staff liaison Elaine Smith were in attendance.

The February 11, 2020 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gymnasium Floor Refurbish Up-date – The floor looks beautiful and is in good condition. The Pickleball players were given the option to play outside during the refurbishing.
- Summer Membership Sale on City Council for approval – The Members look forward to this each year and can't afford an annual membership. Thank you all for your recommendation. There is plenty of time to promote.
- Questions not on Agenda – The Kayak Launch was damaged by a boat. The launches at Frances Ave and the Grey Preserve are open. Also, there is a very large pothole in the RAC front parking lot that needs to be filled. Elaine will follow up with Public Works. The holes in the Fitness Center that the birds pecked through are being patched.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Spring Break Camp Up-date – Spring Camp is full, and the Recreation staff will run it. There are many fun activities planned, including a field trip to Astro Skate. Election Day is on Tuesday.
- Renew Active (United Healthcare Fitness Program) Re-visit – The previous attempt of offering the program at the RAC was turned down, but the company has reached out to us with an agreement. This has not been approved yet, but expect to have everything up and running next month.
- Pools & Concessions Open during Spring Break – The concession will be open and run by Jerry, from Rose's Bistro, during Spring Break. After that, it will be open on the weekends until Summer.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Phil Dirt & the Dozers Vintage Rock n' Roll concert (Sims) – There were about 1800 attendees. The weather was cold, and the community is not as familiar with the name of the band or their music. The last concert of the series will be held on April 25; Almost ABBA. The Park & Ride will continue; it is being utilized well. The Gloria Swanson parking lot will be closed.
- New Event – There will be a Kayaking event (run by RAC staff) this Saturday (9-11am) at Frances Avenue Park.
- Community Yard Sale (RAC) – The Community Yard Sale will be held in the lower parking lot this Saturday (8am-12pm). It was well received last time and brings new people to the RAC. The vendor cost is only \$7, and there are a few restrictions, such as no CBD oils, no chickens or livestock, & no baked goods.
- Family Movie Night (Sims) on Saturday, March 21st: 7:30pm
- Chasco Fiesta – The Street Parade will be held on March 28th. There will be a car show downtown on March 29th; and a few street closures. Notices are being sent in the utility bills and large signs will be used to notify the public.
- Chasco Fiesta – The Boat Parade will be held on April 4th. Ticket sales are going well.
- Summer Camp Registration will begin in April. There will be 125 slots, as there is limited room inside the facility in the case of bad weather.

VOX POP

The new wayfinding signs have some errors; Frances is incorrectly spelled “France”, and the signs for City Hall are one block early (at Missouri).

Smoking in the park during the concerts, and at the playground is still a problem. This can be re-visited and put on a future Agenda; the Advisory Board can make a recommendation for further action to be taken.

Bolts are rusted and coming loose on the playground, and it needs re-painting.

The docks are falling in along the river. These need to be fixed or removed.

Cindy's Pets Strawberry Festival went well, but the garbage was overflowing and there were PW employees standing around it nearby.

Pop-sockets sample was passed around – RAC will have logo put on them and will be used as a promo item.

Carolyn mentioned the “drug use” problem in the parks continues.

The Council meeting has been moved to Wednesday due to the Tuesday Election night.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marlowe,
Secretary

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