

# **PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

January 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center and called to order at 7:00am on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Kai Sonnenschein, Justin Billings, Al Renedo, Chairman Dave Schrader, and staff liaison Kevin Adams were in attendance. Councilman Mike Peters was also in attendance.

The December 8, 2020 minutes were unanimously approved (pending the addition of Councilman Mike Peters being in attendance for the meeting.)

## OLD BUSINESS:

- New Director Introduction – The new Parks & Recreation Director, Kevin Adams introduced himself to the Advisory Board and shared a little of his background in the field of Recreation. He stated he was happy to be here and the Board members welcomed him.
- Annual Membership Sale – There have been 87 memberships sold since January 5<sup>th</sup>. There were 1,324 Annual memberships sold last year.
- Winter Sports Camp – There were 8 children that participated in Winter Camp.
- Tennis Court Improvement Project – The project is scheduled to begin on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Pickleball lines will be added to two of the outside courts for now.

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Introductions – Advisory Board Members and Councilman, Mike Peters, introduced themselves to Director, Kevin Adams.
- Membership Sales Comparisons – 2019-2020 down from 2018-2019 due to Covid-19 pandemic. (see attachment)

- Keep Pasco Beautiful Arbor Day Event – January 15<sup>th</sup> – 100 Loquat trees will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis from 3-6pm at Nebraska and Bank St. It will be a drive-thru event.
- Full Time Recreation Supervisor position is open – David Hecht has resigned and we are looking for a new candidate to fill the position.
- Other – Greg Giordano acted as the back-up/Vice Chairman in David Schrader’s absence. We need to decide who will take on that role. Al Renedo said he would be willing to do that. All present Board members voted unanimously to have Al act as Vice Chairperson in David Schrader’s absence.
- Dog Park – The current Dog Park at the Meadows is on the fringe of the City. One has to go out of their way to get to it. The Advisory Board would like to have an additional Dog Park at one of the other parks; ideally at Frances Avenue Park. They all voted unanimously to recommend adding an additional Dog Park at Frances Avenue Park.
- The City Website needs to be updated to reflect the correct time for the Advisory Board meetings. The website currently lists the time at 7:30am, when the actual time is 7am. (\*IT department maintains the website and needs to be contacted to make the correction.)

#### SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Concerts and large events are cancelled for January and February, 2021.
- Registration for Youth Basketball Leagues – There are currently 35 children registered. We could use more volunteer coaches for the league.
- MLK Day – Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> – Open Holiday Hours.

#### VOX POP

Mike Peters thanked the Board members for their involvement and volunteer service to the community. He would like to see some youth involved on the Board, as well.

The website needs to be updated regularly; the Flag Football Leagues from 2018 are still listed on there. The website should have a link to the FB page. There are quality videos that some of the staff have been putting together and posting on Facebook.

Elaine’s email is still active. IT needs to be contacted to take care of that, as well.

Al mentioned that he acted as a liaison for the Chasco Fiesta.

Carolyn mentioned there is no soap or paper towels at the sink in the Oak room.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carolyn Marlowe*

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Secretary

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