

# **PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING**

February 9, 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, February 9, 2021. Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Rob Oman, Justin Billings, Al Renedo, Chairman Dave Schrader, and staff liaison Kevin Adams were in attendance.

The January 12, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

## OLD BUSINESS:

- Proposed Dog Park at Frances Avenue Park – The funding allocated for the Meadows Dog Park improvement project cannot be used for an additional dog park at this time. The design for the Meadows Park project is still in the preliminary stages. The Advisory Board would like to see another dog park, located closer to downtown, (perhaps at Frances Ave. Park) added in the future.
- Arbor Day Event – January 15<sup>th</sup> – The event was held at Frances Ave. Park and was not highly attended. A tree was planted, but the schools were not involved this time because of the current Covid-19 pandemic.
- Youth Basketball League registration – Sign-ups to play in the league continue; we could use a few more volunteer coaches. The games will be held March 20-May 22, 2021. (The league had to be cancelled in 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic.)

## NEW BUSINESS:

- Summer Camp & Lifeguard positions open – There are 10 Summer Camp Counselor, and One Head Camp Counselor positions open. There are several Head Lifeguard, Lifeguard II, and Lifeguard positions open. All positions are temporary/seasonal or part-time. The pools will be open at limited capacity (100 person) due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Tiffany Campbell promoted to Recreation Supervisor – She has 3 years of experience with various children's programs in the department.

- Open Recreation Leader positions – There are currently 2 positions open; both are part-time and limited to 29/hours per week, with no benefits.
- Advisory Board Role with Events – City Council spends quite a bit of time discussing special events and Matt Roza handles the applications and set meetings for them. Council has asked about the possibility of setting up a committee to oversee special events. (The Board members discussed to clarify what was being asked and compared to what they already do. Kevin said he would seek further clarification on the matter.)
- Teen Room Pilot Program – The Recreation & Aquatic Center does not offer much to the teen population, so a survey was done with 66 teens. 64 of them said they would attend more regularly if the daily admission was lower. 64 teens said they would like to use the basketball courts more regularly. 65 teens said they would love to have a teen room. 56 of the teens surveyed said they would like to use the Fitness Center. The Teen Room will be set up in the Palm Room on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 2-5pm beginning in April, 2021 and continuing until school is out for the summer break. It may be started back up in the fall, depending on its utilization and popularity. Games, crafts, homework, and other activities will be offered.
- Question – One of the Advisory Board members would like to see and share the videos that the Recreation staff are doing. They were also wondering if the Youth Advisory Board will be involved in the Teen Room or other activities with the Recreation department.
- An idea was brought up that the Advisory Board hold a meeting once every so often in one of the City Parks. They could observe, as a group, what may need to be addressed, or things that are right with the specific park where they are meeting. They would like to discuss further at the next meeting, and using a map of the parks, set up dates for the park meetings. (Donna will find a map of the parks to share with them.)
- Carolyn brought up that there are some holes in the flooring on the Sims Park playground that need to be addressed/fixed by the Public Works department, as they are safety issues. There are rusty bolts, and areas that need paint touch-up, as well.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Mommy & Me Painting – February 13<sup>th</sup> – There are 10 families registered and the class is full.

- Concert scheduled for April 24 – date is questionable
- Spring Camp – March 15-19 – There are spots for 25 children and 13 have registered. There is one field trip included and will be to Astro Skate. Our camp will be the only ones at the facility during that time.

### VOX POP

The summary for Membership sales was helpful in comparing last year to this year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40am.

Respectfully submitted,

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