

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

March 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, March 9, 2021. Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Rob Oman, Dana Suiters, Al Renedo, Chairman Dave Schrader, and staff liaison Kevin Adams were in attendance. Councilman Mike Peters attended as a guest.

The February 9, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mommy & Me Painting – The program was very well done, and 10 families participated. There will be a new event for Easter; registration is going on now for a maximum of 30 participants.
- Meeting at Parks – decide when and where – There was discussion about some of the smaller parks, such as Jasmin Park, Russ Park, and Kuwalik Park. Everyone in attendance agreed that meeting quarterly at one of the parks was a good idea, and to not schedule a meeting at the parks when it is dark outside. The meeting place will be announced/posted and put on the website. The April meeting will be held at Frances Avenue Park. The Agenda and Minutes will be addressed and then everyone will walk around to look at different areas of the park.
- Teen Room and Youth Advisory Board – April will be the pilot program for the Teen Room. The Palm Room will be utilized for after-school activities with a Ping-Pong table and a Gaming system. The room will be set up for a photo-shoot tomorrow to help promote the program. Tiffany will be working with the Youth Advisory Board. She will be using an application process to get new participants in the Fall. Current YAB members will assist with events during the Spring and Summer, as they have in the past. *(Dave wants to be informed when the YAB meetings are held.) The Teen Room will be open 3 days per week, with a drop-in price of \$2 (non-members) per day.
- Aquatic Center Pool Deck Lighting – The project is almost complete; there are a few parts that are back-ordered. The outdoor Basketball Courts and Skate Park lights are up and working. They are set on a timer.

- The Tennis Court project is making progress, and is expected to be completed by the Summer, 2021.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Al Renedo Term Renewal (April) – Al has applied for his term renewal to remain on the Advisory Board. This will go before City Council for approval on March 16th.
- Meadows Park Update (preliminary plans drawing distributed) – This is only a first draft; the next meeting has not yet been scheduled with Wannamaker-Jensen. The plans also include expanding/changing the parking lot and creating a walking path. Everyone agreed that the rendition is beautiful. (There was discussion of what else will be included.) Also, way-finding signage is important. The Advisory Board would like to be kept in the loop and included in the meetings for the project.
- Arron Tate is the New Marketing Coordinator for department- Arron was a Part-time Recreation Leader and has been moved into the vacant Marketing position. Jacob Freid (Marketing for the City) recognized that Arron is good with graphics and video editing, and they are working together.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Toddler Time – Mondays: 9:30-11am – There were 29 people on the 1st day of the program. It is good to have programs starting back up.
- Spring Camp – March 15-19 (Full) – There are 25 children registered, which is the full amount allowed.
- Youth Basketball League – begins March 20th, 2021 – We have room for a few more children in the league. We have enough coaches and referees. We might make it a 3-on-3 league if we don't get enough players. Zach has taken flyers to the schools, and Arron has posted it on Facebook.

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Mike Peters commended and thanked the Advisory Board for their volunteer service and time; and for bringing citizen's input up for consideration. The Advisory Board wants to be informed regarding the

City Parks and any changes/plans up for consideration before it goes to City Council. (There was brief discussion about this.)

The updated Advisory Board member list and “by-laws” was distributed.

The next meeting on April 13th will be held at Frances Avenue Park.
The meeting adjourned at 7:45am.

Respectfully submitted,

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