

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

May 11, 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, May 11, 2021. Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Al Renedo, Justin Billings, Chairman Dave Schrader, and staff liaison Kevin Adams were in attendance.

The April 13, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Jasmin Park Update – Work will begin soon on installing a new sea wall, the sidewalks, etc. and is expected to be completed on September 8, 2021.
- Summer Camp Registration Update – Summer Camp is full; there are 100 children in all seven weeks of camp. 70% of those registered are residents. There will be 10 Camp Counselors.
- Russ Park Playground Removed – The playground was removed shortly after the last Advisory Board meeting.
- Tennis Court Update – The project is addressing erosion, electrical upgrades, the ADA ramp, stair entry, drainage, etc. The project is on time and is expected to be complete by July 12, 2021.
- Kids to Parks Day Event – The event was held at the Grey Preserve on May 1st. There were 35 children that attended, did a Scavenger Hunt with their family, and received a craft to take home. Some of the children enjoyed the playground, too.
- Active Net POS, Registration, Scheduling Software Update – The RAC is switching from using Max Galaxy software to Active Net. There has been a little confusion on the recurring memberships, and adjustments are still being made while information is transferred over from the old system/memberships are renewed.
- Holes in playground flooring at Sims Park – (Carolyn) The holes formerly mentioned have been repaired; however, there is one large hole that may have been caused by equipment that was removed in the Toddler area, that needs to be repaired.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Parks Ordinance Revisions – The CM has asked the PD, PW, and the Recreation department to review the ordinances regarding safety and vandalism in the parks. The proposal that dogs be allowed in City Parks is being considered and will be part of the ordinance changes. (Dogs will not be allowed in the Grey Preserve.)
- *(AI) – Rented scooters in the park – These may be dangerous to have especially around the child areas. There should be posted signs for “No Motorized Vehicles”; scooters, golf carts, etc. should not be allowed. These are causing damage to sidewalks and almost hitting people in the park and all over downtown. Vandalism in the park seems to have lessened since the old Sims Park playground was removed/replaced.
- Labor Day Weekend Event – The City is having an event at Sims Park on Saturday, September 4th, 2021. This will be held in the evening, is family oriented with games, bounce houses & inflatables, a Concert, and Fireworks at the end. We will be looking for many volunteers to assist with the event.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Swim Lesson registration begins May 22nd for residents. The pool deck will be operating at full capacity beginning on May 17th, 2021.
- Art Camp for teens is a new program that we are offering for the first time. This camp is for ages 12-16 years.
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 31st; open holiday hours.
- Camp begins June 14th, 2021. There is a waiting list. Field trips cost extra, but are optional.

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Reservations on-line – There are no maps currently to see which shelters are being reserved at the parks (on-line).

The adult gym at Sims Park needs a bigger sign to indicate that children under 13 years are not allowed in there.

Fencing at Sims Park Playground – Safety Gates proposed to be installed at each of the three existing entry/exits at the playground. Kevin brought this up to the CM.

(Donna will get with the Marketing person to have open positions on the Advisory Board posted on FB.)

The meeting next month (June 8th) will be held at Grand Blvd. Park. The July P & R Advisory Board meeting will be cancelled. The August meeting will be held at the RAC. Some projects should be completed by that time.

The Meadows – Project Update will be addressed next month (June).

The meeting adjourned at 7:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Marlowe

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Secretary

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