

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

September 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held at The Meadows Dog Park and called to order at 7:00am on Tuesday, September 14, 2021. Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Dana Suiters, Al Renedo, Chairman Dave Schrader, and staff liaison Kevin Adams were in attendance. Rob Oman joined the meeting later.

The June 8, 2021 minutes and the August 10, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Movie Night at Sims Park – The movie scheduled to be shown on August 14th was cancelled due to severe weather and was re-scheduled for September 25th; “Onward”.
- End of Summer Spectacular – September 4th, 2021 – The event went very well. There were 178 wristbands purchased for the inflatables and other activities. The concert was not as crowded as they have been in the past. Estimated attendance was about 534 (adults and children) for the event and about 400 to 500 for the concert.
- 9-11 Memorial Event at Sims Park – September 11th – The event was planned and put together in about a month’s time. It was a very nice ceremony.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Meeting at The Meadows Dog Park – The new park will be re-named “The Meadows”. Designs for the new park are in progress. There will be a neighborhood meeting in the future. Construction is not expected to begin until at least next summer (2022). There was a walk around the park and the following were noted:

1. The Planned design for the existing Basketball Courts is to convert them to Pickleball Courts. ***Suggestion was made to have one Basketball hoop for a ½ court, so there would be an option to play both Basketball and Pickleball.**
 2. The Dog Park area needs more shade and more benches. There are areas throughout the park that are holding water; grading is needed to help the water flow back down to the river.
 3. The planned design for the new playground separating older children areas and younger children areas seems like a good concept.
- Participation & Membership Totals – Distribution (Statistics were reviewed) Q-Is there a goal? There are fluctuations in totals due to types of memberships included (annual, seasonal, monthly). Kevin is working with the local hospital to find out how many of their employees would use a membership at the RAC.
 - Youth Advisory Council – They have 8 participants and will have their first meeting on September 23rd. *The Advisory Board wants to be informed of when they meet and any activities they are doing.
 - Location of the next meeting (in October) will be at the RAC. The time will be the same, and it will still be dark at that time of day.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Child Watch re-opens for evening hours and weekends.
- Cotee River Clean-up is scheduled for September 18th; Corey is setting it up for an internship he is doing. Kevin and Corey will meet the volunteers at the Sims Park Boat Ramp at 8am. Assignments and shirts will be given; gloves and bags will be provided.
- Concert Series begins September 18, 2021: The Alter Eagles Tribute Band will play 7-8:30pm at Sims Park.
- National Drive Electric Week – Electric Vehicle Event at RR Square on October 2nd: 10am-1pm. There are 22 vehicles expected; chips are on back-order so only 2 dealerships are bringing vehicles (the remainder are privately-owned)

VOX POP:

Volunteers will be needed for about an hour for the event on Saturday.

There are areas at Sims Park that need to be mowed.
The Tennis Courts at the RAC were vandalized over the weekend
and the bottom of the fence is broken.
Cars along the river are being broken in to.
The next meeting will be October 12, 2021 at the RAC.
The meeting adjourned around 7:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

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