

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

January 11, 2022

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 11, 2022. Board Members Rob Oman, Al Renedo, Dana Suiters, Chairman David Schrader and Recreation Supervisor, Chandler Sheldon were in attendance. Board member Carolyn Marlowe and staff liaison Kevin Adams were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The December 14, 2021 meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Attendance Report – The facility attendance report was not available and was pushed out to review at the next meeting.
- Winter Art Show (December 18th) – The event was held at the RAC. There was good attendance and positive responses from the attendees about the event. Several volunteers assisted staff, and a variety of activities were offered.
- Toys for Tots (Distribution Site) – Toys were pre-bagged by gender and age. Parents drove up at their assigned time, gave their name, gender and age of children, received the appropriate bags, and drove away. Only one person got a bag for the wrong age and gender, and that was replaced right away.
- Winter Sports Camp (Dec. 27-30 & Jan. 3, 2022) – The children learned a variety of sports and games, and enjoyed the camp.
- 20% off Annual Membership Drive (Dec 13-Jan 16) – There have been the usual amount of renewals, with a small increase in new memberships. The statistics may be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Tree Lighting Event on December 3rd – Chandler mentioned that the event went really well, with about 2,000 attendance. Al mentioned that the trees around the lake brought people to the Tree Lighting event, as well.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Holiday Hours for MLK, Jr. Day (January 17, 2022) – RAC will be open 10am-5pm.
- New EV Shuttle – Need Drivers – AI asked what type of training the driver's will receive in order to strap in/secure the wheelchairs properly and safely; and who will provide that training? Another questions was asked about the weight capacity in the shuttle. A comment was made that for a specified route, the shuttle needs to have ADA accessibility, but for non-specified routes/stops, this is not a requirement.
- Concession Stand RFP – We are looking for a concessionaire to run the concession stand during the swim season.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Concert in Sims Park (Journey tribute band) – January 15: 7-8:30pm – Golf Cart parking has become a safety issue and needs to be enforced. Kevin needs to communicate with PD on what is needed and wanted regarding the golf cart parking at concerts.
- Daddy Daughter Dance (RAC) February 12, 2021 – This is a popular event we have held in the past and we are having it again.
- Nerd Nights – This will be a regular program of games and cards on Sundays, after regular closing time. We had about 20 participants at the last Nerd Night held in the Fall.
- The Adult Flag Football League will be starting up soon. Games will be played at Gulf High School.
- Youth Basketball League Sign-ups have begun. Games will begin in March, 2022.

VOX POP:

AI is resigning due to moving out of the City. He still plans to be involved and volunteer assistance at special events held by the Recreation department.

The next meeting will be February 8, 2022 at the RAC.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

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