

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

February 8, 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, February 8, 2022. Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Rob Oman, Dana Suiters, Chairman David Schrader and Parks & Recreation Director, Kevin Adams were in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The January 11, 2022 meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Attendance Report – The facility attendance report for October, 2021-January, 2022 was distributed and briefly reviewed. *(It was noted that a correction is needed for the fiscal year dates on the bottom of the form.) The summary shows an increase in attendance and facility usage.
- 20% off Annual Membership Drive – Results – There were 255 memberships sold during the membership drive. There were 90 new members that joined during that time.
- RAC Locker Room Project – No BIDs Received – The project will go to BID again sometime in the future. The storage closet and water heater will be included in the project. Estimated cost for the project is \$400,000.00. The Covid-19 pandemic has caused some items to be back-ordered, and other delays.
- Aquatics Manager Position – The position has been posted, and some applications have been received, but nobody meets the minimum qualifications. The pay rate for the position has been adjusted in hopes of attracting qualified applicants, and the position will be re-posted.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Lifeguards Positions Posted – These positions are sometimes hard to fill. Announcements have been sent to colleges, and posted on Facebook. High Schools, and Swim Coaches have also been told. The hopes are to have enough Lifeguards to be able to open all of the pools at Spring Break. The Camp Counselor positions have also been posted.
- Chasco Float – Our department will be doing the float for the Chasco Fiesta street parade. The theme is “Roaring 20’s”. Volunteers are invited to assist. (Dave wants to know who is in charge of doing the float. Kevin said he would find out and let him know.)
- Next Meeting – Everyone agreed that it is still too dark in the mornings to meet at one of the parks. Therefore, the March meeting will be held at the RAC.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Daddy Daughter Dance (RAC) February 12, 2022: 5:30-8pm
- Survive the Day Challenge (at James E. Grey Preserve) February 26, 2022 – This is a new event that the staff has been working on for a year. It is based on the “Survivor” Series. There will be 8 contestants that will go through a series of challenges. Videos will be filmed and shown on Social Media at a later date. Some of the later challenges will be done at the pools at the RAC.
- Concert in Sims Park (Gary West; Johnny Cash *tribute*) February 26th – has been cancelled. We *may* add a concert in May to make up for it.
- Concert in Sims Park (Simply Tina; Tina Turner tribute) March 5th: 7-8:30pm will be held, as scheduled.

VOX POP:

There is a rumor that a fence is to be installed around Jasmin Park. (Kevin will check with Public Works to see if that is going to happen.) A comment was made that some evergreen trees have been planted at some of the parks and throughout the City.

The next meeting will be March 8, 2022 at the RAC.
The meeting adjourned at 7:20am.

Respectfully submitted,

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