

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

April 12, 2022

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held at the Recreation & Aquatic Center and called to order at 7:12am on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. Board Members Carolyn Marlowe, Rob Oman, Dana Suiters, Chairman David Schrader and Parks & Recreation Director, Kevin Adams were in attendance. Aquatics Manager, Cody Bonanno, was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- The February 8, 2022 meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The new Aquatics Manager was introduced and he gave a brief summary of his background. Everyone on the Advisory Board introduced themselves to him, as well.
- Attendance Report – The facility attendance report for October, 2021-March, 2022 was distributed and briefly reviewed. The report comparisons from the same period last year show that program participation has increased and new Membership sales have decreased.
- Daddy Daughter Dance (Feb 12) – There were about 150 participants. There were games, including a Hula Hoop contest. Everyone had fun and gave positive feedback about the event.
- Lifeguards Needed – Cody stated that he has some strategies to fill the 8 open positions for Lifeguards. He is holding Lifeguard classes in April and May, and there are 3-4 students already signed up for each session.
- Survive the Day Challenge (Feb 26) – This was a one-day event similar to “Survivor” (on TV). There were 10 contestants that met with several challenges. Some were voted off, yet remained to watch the others to the end of the day. The Challenges video is still in the process of being edited for Social Media. Nobody knows who won yet.
- Citizen’s Academy (Mar 2) – The Participants attended a 9-week course in which they visited a different City department each week to learn about its operations. They visited the RAC on March 2nd. The course was well-received, and the City may do another one in the fall (August/September).
- Spring Camp (Mar 14-18) – Camp was held during Spring Break week. There were 24 participants. Revenue collected for the program was about \$1,300.00. The participants went on a field trip to Astro Skate, made some crafts, and did some fun activities inside and outside.

- Chasco Fiesta (Mar 26-April 3) – Chasco Fiesta was back after not being held during the Covid 19 pandemic. A lot of work was involved. *(Rob asked about the park being fenced off; the public being denied free access. Dave mentioned that the main entrance was hard to find/hard to reach due to long lines. All agreed that attendees had to pay admission, as well as pay for the food at the food trucks and did not think it was right.)

NEW BUSINESS:

- Summer Camp Registration (April, 2022) – On the first day of Resident registration, there were already 60 children signed up out of 125 available spots.
- Summer Membership Drive (20% off 3 months) – (The proposed prices were distributed.) There has not been a similar Membership Drive since before the Covid 19 pandemic. This will go before City Council to approve.
- Where to Meet (for next meeting on May 10)? – Everyone agreed to meet at Jasmin Park for the next meeting. They will look at the new seawall, Library box that was installed, and Christmas trees (evergreens) that were planted.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Egg Painting on April 9 – Event happened last weekend.
- Concert in Sims Park; Almost Abba – April 16: 7-8:30pm – There is concern about the Golf Cart parking. The Golf Cart parking area needs to be clearly marked, and enforced for safety reasons. Areas between the trees will be barricaded to keep the Golf Carts behind them.
- Kids Night Out – April 23rd: 6-9pm – Staff will be doing a dinosaur-themed event for the children, so parents can have a break and enjoy the downtown area.

VOX POP:

The RAC will be open 10am-5pm on Friday, April 15, 2022 in observance of the Good Friday holiday. The RAC will be closed all day on Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 7am, at Jasmin Park.
The meeting adjourned at 7:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

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