

PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MEETING

May 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was held at Jasmin Park and called to order at 7:00am on Tuesday, May 10, 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 April 12, 2022 meeting Minutes were unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Attendance Report – The facility attendance report for October, 2021- April, 2022 was distributed and briefly reviewed. The summary shows an increase in attendance and facility usage.
- Life Guard Courses – Cody Bonanno, Aquatics Manager, held life guard certification courses in April. 4 participants received certifications, and have gone through the hiring process and will be brought on board the staff for the summer. Another LG certification course is being held May 14, 21-22. 6 Participants are registered. We have 4 more openings on the Aquatics staff for Summer Life guards. We should be able to fill those positions within these class participants. Kevin reported that Cody has his certification to teach the Life Guard Courses, so the Department does not have to contract out with an instructor. This helps bring the cost down for the participants, and makes the courses one of the most affordable in the area.
- Concert (April 16) Almost Abba – Another great night for a concert. Largest crowd of this concert series and certainly since the pandemic started. Golf Carts parking was well done and not on the inner grass area and positioned safely.
- Kids Night Out program (April 23) – 41 participants. It was a Dinosaur themed program. The participants played Dinosaur themed games. Staffed by the Child Watch Attendants. Very positive response from the parents who had their children participate.

- Summer Membership Drive (May 1 – June 1) The sale has started for this special 3-month membership. In the first 8 days, 17 memberships have been sold. Anticipated to pick up sales as we get closer to summer.
- Summer Camp Registration – Summer Camp is full. 120 participants total. 80 spots were filled with residents during resident registration. Non-Resident registration day filled within the first hour. There was a line at the door of the Recreation and Aquatics Center when staff arrived at 5:30am.
- Tennis Court Repairs – The newly resurfaced tennis courts already have cracks running through them. The City's Public Works Department is working with the contractor. They had an engineer on site, and are scheduling a time this summer to make the repairs. The courts are still usable until the repairs are scheduled to be made.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Meeting at Jasmin Park – A citizen had made a request to the City Manager in regards to adding a pavilion (shelter) to the park. The Advisory Board added this item to the agenda for discussion. There was discussion about a concern about costs, but that it would make the park more usable during the summer. A motion was made by Carolyn Marlowe to make a recommendation to add a small pavilion with another table, and grill to the park. Rob Oman seconded the motion. It was a Unanimous vote for the recommendation of a small pavilion, table and grill to be added to the park. There was discussion about the new trees (4) that were added to the park during the renovation project. The observation is that they look like Christmas trees and don't really fit with the rest of the park. Also discussion, and agreement among the board on what a great job was done in replacing the seawall and walkway, and that the park is in great shape.
- New Recreation Manager – Kevin reported that the department hired a new Recreation Manager, Terri Moore. Her first day will be Wednesday May 11th. She will be responsible for overseeing day to day operations at the RAC, working on projects and events, and helping with monitoring and developing the budget.
- Next Meeting – Everyone agreed that the June meeting will be held at the RAC.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Kids to Parks Day at James E Grey Preserve (May 14) – Expecting a large turnout
- City of NPR Neighborhood Spring Clean-up at Frances Avenue Park and River Road Church (May 21)
- Open Holiday Hours, at the RAC, - Memorial Day (May 30) 10am – 5pm

VOX POP:

The birds have made a mess of the sign at Jasmin Park. Kevin will ask Public Works to schedule cleaning of the sign more frequently. The next meeting will be June 14, 2022 at the RAC. The meeting adjourned at 7:35am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Adams

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Parks & Recreation Director

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