

## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

**February 11, 2009**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Tonsler Park. Members present were: Kenneth Ballard, Carl Brown, Scott Brown, Mike Farruggio, John Foster, John Kammauff, Jennifer McKeever and Sean McCord. Members absent: Betsy Roettger and Juandiego Wade.

Staff: Brian Daly, Rion Summers, Philip Seay

Guest: Dave Pastoral

#### Minutes

##### Motion:

- A motion was made by Ken Ballard, second by Sean McCord to approve December 19, 2008 and January 21, 2009 minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved.

#### First Tee

- ❖ Rion Summers, Golf Course Manager, introduced himself and stated that he had been managing the Meadowcreek Golf Course for about four years.
- ❖ Mr. Summers gave a short overview of the First Tee Program:
  - Reported that the program continues to grow and that last year there were approximately 353 kids in the program.
  - Program has a full functioning board
  - Program uses golf to teach life skills
  - Program relies on volunteers, donations and grants
  - Philip Seay was the First Tee Program Director
  - Reported that a video was made of last year's program and that it was brought to the meeting to be presented to the board.
- ❖ Philip Seay, First Tee Director reviewed with the Advisory Board the First Tee Program Guide for 2009.
- ❖ Reported that the First Tee program had 70 volunteers last year
- ❖ Reported that Charlottesville was one of 8 First Tee chapters in Virginia
- ❖ First Tee Program had a good ratio of male/female

- ❖ Dave Pastoral, First Tee Advisory Board chairman, reported that he had been with the First Tee Program for four years.
- ❖ Reported that the program has been growing fast and that the Board seeks good volunteers
- ❖ Reported on the National School Program with the First Tee which will be conducted in six elementary schools in Charlottesville, and next year will include 16 Albemarle schools
- ❖ Reported that the First Tee Program will not be able to do all programming at the Meadowcreek Golf Course and will need other locations. Stated that Farmington County Club has been a partner to the program with fundraising and will be conducting the program at their location four days a week.
- ❖ Philip Seay stated that the First Tee Program integrates with the City's playground program, Boys & Girls Club, and with local scouts.
- ❖ McIntire Golf Course is used heavily on Saturdays for the First Tee Program
- ❖ Reported that scholarships are available for kids to participate in the program.
- ❖ Presented the video of last year's First Tee Program to the Advisory Board

#### New Board Members:

- ❖ Scott Brown introduced present board members to the new board members, Carl Brown and John Foster. New members introduced themselves to board members with a brief description of their backgrounds.

#### YMCA

- ❖ Brian Daly gave a brief update on the Master Plan.
  - Stated that the contract was with VMDO Design Services.
  - Bare minimum - 2 years from opening doors
- ❖ Scott Brown asked about lights @ Towe Park. Brian Daly replied that to light fields will need joint funding from the city & county and at the present time the County is not in a position for funding
- ❖ Brian Daly stated that there is a need for rectangular fields in both the city and the county.
- ❖ Scott Brown talked to board members about a letter in the Daily Progress that day regarding the YMCA, and asked if the board wanted to respond. Sean McCord responded that he felt that the board's opinion on the project should be put out there and felt that getting the facts out there again would be beneficial, Mike Farruggio replied that he wrote a letter to the Daily Progress but was not sure if it will be published because it was too long for a letter, he stated that he will send a copy of the letter to board members.

#### Onesty Aquatic Center

- ❖ Brian Daly reported that the project was well under construction, and distributed pictures of the project that were taken that day.
- ❖ Reported that the facility will open in June, 2009.

#### Smith Aquatic Facility

- ❖ Brian Daly reported that the bids were on the street for both the City and Boys & Girls Club portions of the project, bids are due March 3, 2009 and with the present state of the economy are expected to come in under estimate.

#### Forest Hills Park

- ❖ Brian Daly reported that there is a Master Plan for Forest Hills Park and that work will be completed in a phased approach. Park has needed work for a long time

#### Azalea Park

- ❖ Mike Farruggio asked about the Azalea Park project, Brian Daly replied that plans are moving forward with a Master Plan projected for September, 2009.

#### Walker/Buford Fields

- ❖ John Kammauff asked about the condition of Walker and Buford school fields. Brian Daly replied that the staff will be taking some temporary steps this spring and will take down the fields in the summer to improve the conditions of the fields.

#### Chairman Matters

- ❖ Scott Brown reported to board members that he had presented a Jefferson cup to Mike Svetz on their behalf before he moved to Arizona to thank him for his work and dedication to Parks and Recreation.

#### Board Matters

- ❖ Ken Ballard reported there was a potential safety concern at the Key Center by the scoreboard at the end of the court towards the bleachers. He stated that a child had came close to the brick wall with his head and suggested that there might be a need to install padding in that area to prevent any future incidents.

#### Directors Matters

- ❖ Brian Daly stated that he would be out of town February 18-24, 2009.
- ❖ Stated that next month a representative of the horticultural team would be attending the meeting.

Motion:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ken Ballard, second by Mike Farruggio, motion was unanimously approved.
- Meeting adjourned @ 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daly  
Secretary to the Advisory Board

