

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

October 20, 2010

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. at Tonsler Park Recreation Center. Members present were: Byron Brown, Scott Brown, John Foster, Sean McCord and Ned Michie. Members absent: Ken Ballard, John Kammauff, Jennifer McKeever and Dan Rosensweig.

Staff: Brian Daly

Minutes:

- **Motion:**
Byron Brown made a motion to approve minutes, second by John Foster, motion was unanimously approved

Smith Aquatic & Fitness Center – Grand Opening

- Brian Daly reported that the Grand Opening for the Smith Aquatic & Fitness Center will be held on Friday, Oct 22 @ 12 noon with light refreshments and class demos.
- A free preview weekend has been set for the new facility, beginning Monday, regular hours and rates will apply. Summer passes have been extended through 11/21/10.

YMCA

- Brian Daly stated that there was not much change in the YMCA project. He stated that Kurt Krueger with the YMCA reported that there will be a hearing at the Albemarle County court, will hear the county's portion of the lawsuit, for the city's portion, the judge has removed himself from the case, they are trying to get both held @ the County level.

Aquatic Facility Attendance & Revenue

- FY 10 figures given @ last meeting, numbers presented was for the whole summer season.
- Recouped 60% of cost recovery, will continue to push to have that number increase
- Scott Brown asked about the future of the McIntire wading pool, Brian Daly replied that it would be a year by year basis pending the start of the Meadowcreek Parkway construction.
- Utility costs higher @ Washington than at Onesty

Washington Park Pool Improvements

- Washington Park Pool improvement project is ongoing, pictures are included in the board packet includes the new slide. Project should have an end of December completion date

McGuffey Park Drainage Repairs

- Brian Daly reported that the project was making its way through the City Attorney's office, stated that the low bidder, Earthworks Construction, has been used on other projects and have been very pleased with their work.

CIP

- Brian Daly distributed the proposed CIP plan, includes smaller projects than in recent years, will help to complete the master plan.
- Additions /changes: Infrastructure at Lee Park includes retaining walls, concrete stairs and park amenities.
- Scott Brown asked about events at Lee Park, are sidewalks sufficient for events? Brian Daly replied that changes need to be made at the central plaza.
- Proposing \$100,000 for synthetic turf field @ CHS. Brian Daly asked board members if they would like to draft another letter for support of the turf field. County prices for field have been lower than expected.
- John Foster asked about the trails proposal, where was the money going to, Brian Daly replied that it includes both construction and land acquisition.

Chairman's Matters

- Scott Brown asked about the Recreation Manager position? Brian Daly reported that candidates were screened and asked to do a written exercise and field has been narrowed down to 6 candidates that will be scheduled for interviews.

Director's Matters

- Brian Daly distributed DVD on Wheelchair Basketball that was produced by the Independence Resource Center which covers the origin of the program, personal success stories, training, how they play. Reported that it will also be included at the VA film festival coming up and will also be on CH 10 & PBS channels.
- VSA Poetry Book – reading next week at the Performing Arts Center, actual poets will have the opportunity to read their poems to the audience, poetry books were distributed to board members.

- Reported that for Breast Cancer month field lines and 2nd base @ McIntire have been painted pink for the women's softball tournament on the weekend, also that umpires will be wearing pink wristbands for tournament games.
- Reported that the Parks Division Manager has been hired, Doug Ehman – has been in the Parks & Recreation field since 1980. He has met with staff and will start work the week after Thanksgiving.

Recreation Division Manager

- Reported that the City Market Manager and he will be holding a City Market educational session at the NRPA conference in Minneapolis next week.
- Sean McCord asked about the Volunteer Coordinator, Brian Daly replied that the position was removed in the budget process a couple of years ago.

Motion

- John Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Byron Brown, motion was unanimously approved.
- Meeting adjourned @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daly
Secretary to the Advisory Board