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PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA April 20, 2011

WELCOME OF NEW PARKS & RECREATION STAFF

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

ADMIN-1 Adoption of Minutes – February 16, 2011 Advisory Board Meeting

INFORMATION ITEMS

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- I-2 YMCA at McIntire Park – Status Update
- I-3 Jefferson School / Carver Recreation Center Renovations
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ADJOURNMENT

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ADMINISTRATIVE – 1

Adoption of Minutes – February 16, 2011 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

ACTION REQUIRED:

Advisory Board adoption of the minutes of the February 16, 2011 meeting.

ENCLOSED DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of February 16, 2011 meeting.

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
February 16, 2011**

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at Tonsler Park Recreation Center. Members present were: Byron Brown, Scott Brown, Skylar Hughes-Lyon, John Kammauff, Matt Landahl, Sean McCord, Jennifer McKeever, Ned Michie and Dan Rosensweig. Members absent: John Foster
Staff: Brian Daly, Doug Ehman
Guest: Dave Redding

Minutes:

- Sean McCord stated a correction to adjust the board calendar to March 16th instead of March 19th.

Motion:

- Sean McCord made a motion to approve minutes as amended, second by Scott Brown, motion was unanimously approved

New Board Member Introductions

- Jennifer McKeever made an introduction of new board members:
 - Matt Landahl.
 - Skylar Hughes Lyon.

Matters from the Public:

- Dave Redding thanked Parks & Recreation for the workshop on a growing community that was recently held which taught participants how to build a community, 40 participants were in attendance and the cost was \$70/each participant.

Smith Aquatic:

- Brian Daly gave an update @ Smith Aquatics & Fitness Center on visitations from opening until this past Sunday, since opening in October – numbers are above what was expected and they were shared with the City's Lead Team. Total revenue - \$100,000
- Graph was presented that showed frequency of use and represented attendance time usage. Facility use not just pool usage; weekend usage – more daily admissions on weekends, busier in pool which includes families and swim team.
- Ned Michie stated that he was interested in reintroducing swim classes for students; he reported that there used to be swim classes held @ Walker School.

YMCA

- Brian Daly reported that the court date for the suit against the City concerning the YMCA being built in McIntire Park is set for April 1.
- YMCA indicated to have architect ready, would be ready to proceed if case get thrown out of court
- YMCA has several large donors that have time lines on donations
- Land lease terms – shovel to begin within 5 years of signing of the lease
- Dogwood Festival to be held @ McIntire Park will have a reduced time of 2 weekends.

Washington Park Pool Improvements

- Brian Daly reported that the pictures of Washington Park Pool were taken this past Monday and that the project was complete, work done includes new slide, expanded pool deck, sunshades replacement, etc.

McGuffey

- Doug Ehman reported that the project was complete except for a couple of items, will be doing sod work at a later date.
- Drainage system was installed incorrectly near playground area, trench drain now runs properly and will help drainage in the overall park
- Spiker units were replaced under warranty
- May be necessary for staff to do some odds and ends in the park
- Irrigation testing will be performed approximately the end of March, beginning of April
- Dan Rosensweig asked for update @ next meeting
- Will need to sod, will require shut down for 30 days to get sod going

Jefferson School

- Brian Daly reported that last Monday City Council approved the lease for the Jefferson School building, will be finalizing the transfer of property, probably will change hands around the first of March. Tentatively scheduled a groundbreaking ceremony for March 22, but time has not been firmly established or announced to the public.
- As part of the lease negotiations fee was \$17/sq. ft.; but will pay \$11.75/sq. ft. will require performing own maintenance and grounds maintenance, will save city \$200,000/yr.

Benjamin Tonsler

- Benjamin Tonsler portrait was dedicated in a ceremony last year, a plaque to go under the portrait was requested, have received a biography from the family and community, staff will be taking information to put on a plaque and will hang under the portrait.

Chairman's Matters

- Jennifer McKeever reported there were no matters.

Board Matters

- John Kammauff stated that he was pleased to see the work @ CHS track, Doug Ehman replied that they had dragged out the infield, doing work @ bank at the track and hydro seeded native grass blend, slow growing, will be done raking out by end of the week.
- Ned Michie gave an update on turf field @ CHS, reported that Meeting – talked about board had some savings from projects, asked Council members, not decided yet
- Dan Rosensweig asked about Advisory Board support for turf field @ CIP public meetings with City Council.
- Sean McCord thanked Brian Daly for the reduction of spam received from the Advisory Board e-mail address.
- Skylar Hughes Lyon asked about grass field @ Washington Park, Doug Ehman replied not at this time, needed to be doing a lot of heavy aeration, come in this spring, will take two years to get fields done twice, recognize the need – will take time

Director's Matters

- Brian Daly reported the following:
 - That he would coordinate schedules with new members to get them up to speed on Parks & Recreation's recent history.

- That he felt that Parks & Recreation deserved their own page in the City's Comp Plan and not lumped with other divisions. Was asked to add as an agenda item to review bullet points for comp plan for Parks & Recreation.
- That Advisory Board duplicate pages on the City's website have been resolved and that new members have been added to the list.
- That we would be out of the office March 2-8.
- Announced the retirement of Richard Stewart, Recreation Center Supervisor @ Tonsler Park in the middle of March. He stated that he had been working for Parks & Recreation for 25 years and asked him to come into the meeting to be acknowledged for his good work.

Motion:

- Byron Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Sean McCord, motion was unanimously approved.
- Meeting adjourned @ 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Daly
Secretary to the Advisory Board

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Smith Aquatic and Fitness Center – Attendance Report

Smith AFC Attendance: October 22, 2010 through April 18, 2011

Access Passes Sold	955
Access Pass Visitation	20,565
Daily Admissions	8,032
Guest Passes	517
Preview Weekend	1,075
Total Visits	30,189
Total Revenue	186,454

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YMCA at McIntire Park –Court Status Update

On the morning of April 20, 2011, the Circuit Court granted the City's Motion to Dismiss all claims brought by ACAC and the other fitness club operators in their case challenging the Lease and Use Agreement for the YMCA facility in McIntire Park. After the hearing opposing counsel indicated they would be appealing the decision to the Virginia Supreme Court. Inquiries have been made of the YMCA regarding their intentions at this point in time regarding the commencement of construction.

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Jefferson School / Carver Recreation Center Renovations Update

On February 7, 2011, City Council approved the lease for the Carver Recreation Center as part of the Jefferson School renovations. The Jefferson School Partnership and City Attorney's staff are now finalizing the transfer of the property to the Partnership, with construction anticipated to begin upon transfer of the property.

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Scholarship Program Participation Update

Below is a table representing the current level of participation in the scholarship program and its growth since its inception in October of 2010. To date, staff has received 1 (one) request to appeal due to extenuating circumstances, which was granted.

	October	April
Level	2010	2011
25%	1	3
50%	112	110
75%	1	15
90%	15	144
Total	129	272

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City Market Task Force

An update regarding the progress of the Task Force will be provided at the Advisory Board meeting.