

MINUTES

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Room 113, City-County Bldg..

Thursday, May 12, 2011

Members Present:

Andrew Barry	Keelan Chapman	Jonathan Cook	Curt Donaldson
Todd Fitzgerald	Karen Hand	Ann Pagel	Jane Raybould
Bob Ripley	Susan Rodenburg	Dennis Scheer	Jeff Schwebke
Joe Tidball			

Members Absent:

Molly Brommond	Justin Carlson	Susan Deitchler
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Others Present:

Zorbing presenter	Jocelyn Golden
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Recognition of 'Open Meetings Act': As per law, Chairperson Joe Tidball announced that the Board follows the regulations of this Act, as posted.

*** APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *It was moved (Hand) and seconded (Rodenburg) to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2011, Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting as mailed. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.*

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS (other than those listed on the current Agenda): None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fees & Facilities Committee - Susan Deitchler, Chair - 488-4224

*** Recommendation re: enter into an agreement to allow operation of a "zorbing operation" at a Parks facility:** Lynn Johnson introduced Ryan Stohr who briefed the Board on his desire to sponsor a zorbing operation on the west side of Holmes Dam in Holmes Park. Zorbing consists of having a person enclose themselves inside a large (9 ft.) air cushioned ball that would proceed down the dam propelled by the person inside the ball. Several issues including the liability issue, what type of insurance would be needed, and what the injury statistics are were discussed. Anyone using the zorbing ball would be required to sign a waiver. Ryan said the idea would be to have the Holmes Dam site be adult only and possibly have one for younger kids at Pioneers Park. If the Board recommends approval of this activity, it would also have to be approved by the Corps of Engineers. Ryan responded to questions asked by the Board members. ***After lengthy discussion, it was moved (Donaldson) and seconded (Raybould) to recommend approval for the Parks & Recreation Department to enter into an agreement to allow operation of a zorbing operation at a Parks facility. Motion carried by unanimous vote of members present.***

The next step will be to get the Corps of Engineers approval and have a License Agreement drawn up stating, among other things, that a percentage of the money charged (for rides) would be required to go to the Parks Department. The Board also requested a report regarding zorbing in other communities.

Futures Committee - Bob Ripley (Chair) 471-0419 or 488-5131

- No report

Golf Committee

- Lynn Johnson updated the Board on the status of the golf program and the proposed new clubhouse at Holmes Golf Course. As of September the golf fund owed the general fund approximately \$200,000 so over the last several months the Golf Division has been looking at various operation options for the golf courses to come up with some type of sustainability for the program.

The current clubhouse at Holmes Golf Course was built in 1967 and has dealt with a reoccurring water damaged roof for many years. The building is in dire need of replacement to make it handicap accessible and hopefully provide another banquet facility for golf events or for the general public's use. The replacement facility would be approximately 7,000 square feet that would include a banquet facility. Hopefully the new clubhouse can be built at a cost of between \$1.5 and 1.7 million. The Department is proposing that a city-wide CIP fee be charged for each round of golf played which would help fund this new facility. Staff responded to questions asked by the Board members.

No formal action is required from the Board at this time on this agenda item.

Executive Committee - Joe Tidball (Chair) - 730-5638

- No report

Announcements:

- "Wake up the Beds" volunteer planting event at Sunken Gardens beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 14th.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.