

MINUTES

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

November 5, 2018

1. Roll Call

Present: Doug Gollhofer, Dan Ohlsen, Robert Pudim, Katja Stokley and Council Liaison Waters

Absent: Sue Ahlberg, Cherese Montgomery

Staff Present: David Bell, Jeff Friesner and Aurora Black

2. Approval of Agenda

A motion by Doug Gollhofer to approve the November 5, 2018 Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) Agenda. Katja Stokley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

A motion by Doug Gollhofer to approve the October 8, 2018 PRAB minutes with the recommendations that in Old Business, there's a correction from the word daylight to sunset. Dan Ohlsen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Invited to be heard

Public invited to be heard opened, no one present, section closed.

5. Old Business

A. Discussion Centennial Pool Repairs - Jeff Friesner

Demolition and removal of electrical panel started today. City staff met to talk about what's going to happen and got direction from building inspection of what is needed to move forward. Finalizing the contract with TCC for general contractor. LPC is putting in a trans fuser which feeds Centennial Pool, Clark Centennial park and the Youth Center. Moving a power breaker outside of the pool to turn off the power to the building, in the event this happens again. Insurance has provided the resources needed. Part of the reason the price is lower than the estimate is due to getting a free boiler. When the boiler was purchased, a beta boiler was put it and as they made improvements, they would put in new boilers, if needed. Working with Martin & Martin Engineers to look at the rest of the building to make sure there aren't other issues. The biggest issue is the lead time to order materials, such as the new sump pump which has a seven week lead time. Our goal is to do weekly updates on the website and keep the press up to date. On track to open by the end of January.

6. New Business

A. Athletic Program Presentation – Kris Kron, Recreation Supervisor

The program is catered to kids who need an outlet that offers a more affordable option. The paid coaches are mostly teachers from the schools. The school district doesn't offer intramural soccer.

Dan Ohlsen asked if athletics is a revenue neutral or subsidized program and Kris replied that we're at a profit by keeping costs down. Jeff added that we have the opportunity to bring in additional money to allow us to support programs such as special needs.

Tim Waters asked how the soccer program compares to a club program. Kris answered that the cost of a club program is considerably higher. Jeff added that we provide transportation for games to neighboring schools and practices are at their school. The cost is waived if a family can't pay the fee. For other programs, the city has a scholarship program for a child to get up to \$100 for the year. Last year, the city gave out \$70,000 for scholarship use. Council, gave direction to start a scholarship program to get kids into our athletics program.

Robert Pudim asked about the fee difference and Kris responded that it has to do with the interest. Jeff added that we play in a league, so that the same two teams aren't playing each other all the time.

Doug Gollither asked if Kris has thought about doing a program for scooters similar to skateboarding. Kris hadn't thought of it and made a note to look into it. Doug also asked how our numbers compare to other communities. Kris replied that they're comparable in terms of size.

Katja Stokley asked if we track adult participation by age. Kris responded that we don't because they're team sports. Katja is looking at it from inclusiveness and meeting the interest, such as a senior participant. Kris mentioned that the Senior Center offers a very competitive senior softball program. Katja also asked if fees are being increased across the board, and Jeff said we're increasing fees by 5% across the board as part of the 2019 budget.

Robert asked what Kris would like for the program if money wasn't an issue. Kris replied that a multi-use turf field would allow for another revenue source, as well as more baseball fields. Jeff added hiring another recreation coordinator and field maintenance staff member.

7. On-Going Items

A. Doug asked about Dry Creek and putting synthetic turf. David mentioned that from a practical stand point, synthetic turf would be appropriate. Currently looking into the overall cost.

B. Doug asked about South Clover Basin Park coming up for design review. David said that park and Wertman Neighborhood Park will be worked on.

C. Katja asked about the status of the entrance bridge at Union Reservoir. David replied that it's been stalled, but the bridge is in place and waiting for rock to fill around it. Plus, working on replacing the dock.

8. Items from Staff

A. Jeff Friesner

- Turkey Trot – anticipating 1,600 to 1,700 participants
- Pool and Ice facility meeting scheduled with the school district in November. The district has an interest in the pool, but seemed lukewarm about ice. They've been presented with the option of paying money up front or paying a larger on-going rental fee.

B. David Bell

- Closed on the Newby property. It will provide preservation of agricultural lands, wildlife corridor and make a physical connection to the state park. This gives the potential for a loop system.

9. Items from Board

A. Doug Golliher

- Believes the Halloween Parade was the biggest ever.
- Asked about information in regards to funding coming from new house development. Jeff clarified that the park development fee is specific to parks and building new parks and the recreation impact fee is about adding new recreation opportunities.

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11. Adjournment-7:54pm

Dan Ohlsen made a motion to adjourn. Katja Stockley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.