

Parks Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2012

Attendance: Board Chair Ed Overbay, Brad Johnston, Grace Laman, JP Moss, Pam Pearce, Tammy Loughran, Arline LaMear, Phil Elkins, Norma Hernandez, Howard Rub, Ron Williams, and Tim Roth

Absent: None

1. The Parks Advisory Board met at Stephanie's Cabin.
2. At 6:40am Board Chair Ed Overbay called the meeting to order.
3. At 6:41am Board Chair Ed Overbay asked that the board approve the minutes. Ed Overbay motioned to approve the minutes and Howard Rub seconded. All were in favor.
4. JP Moss gave an Aquatic Center update. Recently maintenance replaced two pumps in the hot tub. Also a new mobile lift was purchased which assists in providing disabled guests an additional way to access all bodies of water. Arline LaMear commented that she is getting positive feedback about the status of the pool.
5. Parks and Recreation Community Foundation recently granted \$1,000 to Port of Play. Erin Reilly is using the funds to make an additional play feature, purchase a new trike, and buy more supplies for the pre-school area at Lil' Sprouts.
6. JP Moss discussed the Inventory of Park System sheets with the board and asked for feedback from members. Board members discussed these sheets and came up with a few suggestions. This project will be completed by the May meeting.
7. JP spoke to the board about a new Staff Newsletter that has been developed.
8. Phil Elkins updated the board on the Tree Program. This program is to help identify trees that are hazards within the Parks. Fifteen trees were identified as potential hazards.
9. JP updated the board on Lil' Sprouts Academy. Recently a new room was added to accommodate the growing program. There have been two confirmed cases of whooping cough and Erin Reilly is working with the local Health Department to take precautions. Toys and rooms were sanitized to help prevent the further spread.
10. Pam Pearce spoke to the board about current events within the Recreation Department. These included Easter, Spring Break, Youth Softball, and the after school clubs.
11. Phil Elkins presented to the board updates within the maintenance department. A spring clean up has begun and mowing is now starting in the parks. Vandalism is still an issue at a few locations. Raccoons and bees were a recently concern at Tapiola Park but have since the problems have been mitigated.
12. JP asked the board about charging fees for park usage. A discussion took place with the board members on possible changes to application fees for various parks as relates to deposits to cover potential damage form an event.

13. Ed Overbay discussed that his schedule is becoming busier and possibility the group should start thinking about a new Chair Board. The board discussed this item and Ed will maintain his position for the next few months.
14. Grace Laman updated the board on the Community Gardens at Gray School. Twenty boxes are ready for planting and half of them have been purchased. Planting has begun in a few of the boxes. There is still some work that needs to be completed in regards to the fencing and signage for the area. Grace would also like to hold a Harvest Party at the end of the gardening season.
15. New Business: Norma Hernandez is working on a letter about the Disc Golf Course. Ron Williams mentioned that there is a tree that should be looked at for removal near Ernie Aiken Field. Then he asked about the grounds maintenance schedule at Oceanview Cemetery. JP mentioned that there is the possibility of a very large youth group coming to volunteer in the parks. Ed Overbay inquired about constructing a zip line. He also spoke about a concept of Art in public spaces.
16. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50am.
17. Next meeting is scheduled for May 29, 6:30am, Stephanie's Cabin. The meeting will be on Tuesday due to Memorial Day.