

Huxley Parks and Recreation Board Meeting April 4, 2007

Meeting started at 6:30 p.m. with Chairperson Traci Carney calling roll.

Roll Call

Traci Carney

Tom Shelton

Veronica McGee

Bill Whisler

Mike Coles

City Staff:

Mike Bushman, Director

Cory Shearer, Public Works

John Haldeman, City Administrator

Jeff Peterson, Public Works Director

Regrets: John Ronca

Russ Jones

Public: Chris Bauer (Shive-Hattery), Karen Hadaway, and Jeni Harmon

Traci asked for approval of the minutes from last month's meeting. Veronica motioned for approval and it was seconded by Mike Coles. The motion carried.

Traci visited with the Board about her visits with some members of the Jaycees and that they indicated that they might be willing to help with the parade at Prairie Fest. She also indicated that she would like to see the parade be organized on the school grounds and that would help with the congestion on the street regarding vehicle traffic. She asked the Board for their thoughts. She said that she would have more details at the next meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the Run at Prairie Fest. It was discussed that the Board probably could not do the parade and the run. Traci mentioned she would call around to see if there would be persons that would be willing to coordinate the race event.

Since Russ could not be at the meeting, the discussion on the Trail Ridge Park would be moved to next month's agenda. Veronica would talk to Russ regarding the trees to be located at Trail Ridge Park.

Discussion took place regarding the contract with the Personal Trainers. After discussion it was moved that as long as the Trainer's client was a member and a portion of their fees came back to the City that there was not a need to have the membership. If they were to use the facility for personal use then a membership would be needed. It was also discussed about the length of the contract and it was decided to go 12 months. A motion was made by Mike Coles and seconded by Veronica McGee to approve the 12 month contract and the arrangement on the membership. The motion carried.

Discussion then took place on whether to have the fitness trainers certified. Mike Bushman indicated that this could be a positive image for the facility. Karen Hadaway mentioned that this could be a cost to the trainers of \$300 to be certified. Mike was to do more research and come back to the Board.

Discussion then took place regarding the evaluations from the 1st and 2nd grade basketball programs. Mike indicated that over 90% of the forms that were returned came back positive. Some of the concerns that were expressed was the practice times at 7:30 p.m. especially for the younger participants with school the next day. Discussion took place regarding the shortage of space for practices with the 3Cs being used by the school. Another concern was the calls being made by the referees and that they should be consistent. After Mike reviewed these with the Board Mike indicated that these would be things that he

would look at prior to next season. Mike also mentioned about having age specific equipment for the kids as well.

Discussion took place regarding the cardio equipment and moving the equipment. Discussion followed regarding the reasons for the move which resulted from a visit from someone from the City's insurance company after an accident occurred on one of the pieces of equipment upstairs. There were concerns addressed regarding the conversion of the south meeting room to accommodate this move. Discussion took place amongst the board members. Traci asked that more input be gathered on this issue and Mike will work on that.

Karen Hadaway asked about the sending out of information on new programs. Mike said that just getting started in this position that was not something he was aware and that he would check into it and make sure information about programs was sent out in a timely fashion.

Chris Bauer from Shive-Hattery reviewed with the Board the Centennial Park project and the cost for the various phases. He also noted that from the material describing the project that he distributed it should be noted that the years that are shown on the report to start each phase should be moved back one year (ie. 2006 should now be 2007 and so on.). Discussion took place regarding the trees being moved from Centennial Park and that will be coordinated with the Tree Board. Jeff Peterson was going to contact Steve Lekwa, the Director of the Story County Conservation, regarding a tree spade and report back. Volunteers will be used to relocate the trees to the Trail Ridge Park and the H.O.I.T. multi-purpose trail. Discussion then took place regarding the Babe Ruth field. City crews will remove the fence and that this will be coordinated between Jeff Peterson or Cory and Russ Jones. There may be a need to salvage some of the fence to use around the other diamonds.

Mike brought the Board up to date on the Administrative Clerk position and the new hire.

Mike then gave a report to the Board on the various activities within the Department and also his trip to the State conference.

Mike discussed possibly placing soccer goals in Cambridge for practices to take place there. He also went over the number of kids and teams.

He then discussed the Men's Basketball League and Dodgeball.

Mike mentioned the work Traci was doing regarding the Easter Egg hunt and Traci brought the Board up to date on what had developed and what was being done.

Mike mentioned that the City wide garage sale may be the week-end of May 12th.

Mike mentioned the condition of the back storage room and what was being done there to help organize it.

Mike mentioned about moms working out during the day and having possibly a program for the kids when they work out. He will investigate and report back.

Traci indicated that the Board would like to see an evaluation done of each of the programs offered to get input back on those programs.

Discussion took place regarding the budget.

Tom Shelton mentioned the possibility of having a park clean up day with the use of volunteers. For the smaller parks maybe having the neighborhood that surrounds the park adopting it for that day to clean up and for Centennial maybe volunteers from the community at large to help. Possibly targeting this for the first week-end in May. It was also discussed using the Newsletter and the back of the water bills to get the word out. Tom will visit more with Mike.

With no further discussion Traci asked for a motion to adjourn. Tom Shelton moved for adjournment and Veronica seconded. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

John Haldeman, City Administrator