

PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

*November 19, 2019 5:30 pm
City Hall Council Chambers
221 East Clark Street*

Members Present:

Mark Calderon, Chair
Jodi Hartman
Anne Sternhagen
Steve Ball
Jennifer Vogt-Erickson (arrived at 5:40pm)
Rich Yost
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Jason Howland (Ex-officio)

Members Absent:

Staff in Attendance:

Bob Furland, Recreation Manager
Joe Grossman, Superintendent of Parks
Philip Wacholz, Assistant Director of Public Works
Afton Wacholz, Recreation Administrative Assistant

Others in Attendance:

Glen Parsons
Gary Hagen

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Mark Calderon.

Approval of the Minutes:

Steve Ball made the motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2019 meeting. Anne Sternhagen seconded the motion. Motion approved. (Jennifer Vogt-Erickson was absent for the vote.)

Approval of Agenda:

Steve Ball made the motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting and Jodi Hartman seconded the motion. Motion approved. (Jennifer Vogt-Erickson was absent for the vote.)

Public Items:

Glen Parson spoke on behalf of the committee designated to begin raising funds for the placement of a statue of Marion Ross (Mrs. C) in front of the Marion Ross Performing Arts Theater. Parsons is requesting the board's support to recommend the approval of the placement of the statue. The committee believes the best location for the statue is directly in front of the theater as the Fountain Lake Park location would be too far of a walk. They are suggesting the statue be of Marion Ross seated on a park bench in front of the first curved window bay on the exterior of the theater. They have begun raising funds and have five artists interested in creating the statue. The group requests approval so they can move forward.

Joe Grossman requested time to take a look at the location and speak with Parsons further on the exact request. Phil Wacholz stated this request is much different from what the city was originally given. He also requested that the city staff be given more time to evaluate the project further. City staff will set up a meeting at the location with Parsons for further discussion.

Action/Discussion Items:

The board voted unanimously to cancel the December Advisory Board meeting due to the busyness of the holiday season. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday January 21st, 2020.

Old Business:

Phil Wacholz and Joe Grossman gave an update on the pickle ball courts on Frank Hall Drive. City staff will continue to perform regular maintenance on the courts this spring. There will be no change in the orientation of the courts. The one remaining tennis court will be kept for community use.

Recreation: Report given by Bob Furland as follows;

- Women's winter adult volleyball has completed their season, Co-ed will finish this week.
- Registration for winter programming is live online and will be the first run for program registration on our new MaxGalaxy program. Programming includes Letters to Santa, Candy Cane Hunt, Ugly Sweater Skate, etc.
- Advertising for warming house attendants have gone out.
- The 1st Community Health and Wellness Fair sponsored by Parks and Recreation and SHIP will be held on January 13th at the Senior Center. So far 18 vendors have registered.
- Further work with the State Park continues for collaborating on various programming options. Candle Light Walk will be held in February.
- Presentation given by Afton Wacholz – MaxGalaxy Registrations, Viewing schedules, etc.

Parks: Report given by Joe Grossman and Phil Wacholz as follows;

- Continued work on tree removal and pruning as well as fall leaf clean-up in order to prevent grass from dying.
- Staff is working on the transition of seasonal equipment as well as moving picnic tables for the winter, prepping outdoors hockey rinks, and completing playground inspections and repairs.
- Most of the community docks are now out and the aeration system is now running which will create open water on Edgewater Bay.
- Snyder Field lease agreement has been signed by Riverland and is in the mail back to the City. WSB has a summary almost ready for the city staff to review for the Snyder Field project.

City Arena: Report given by Bob Furland as follows;

- First tournaments of the year for youth begin this week. This brings many bodies through the doors at the arena. High school hockey games are also full swing.
- The ADA new front doors are scheduled to be installed in early December.
- The arena has been actively working on an energy audit to help better plan for changes needed in the future.
- The figure skating board as well as the youth hockey board have approved financial contributions for a new sound system in Nystrom Arena.

Senior Center: Report given by Bob Furland as follows;

- No report available.

Board Member Items:

- Jason Howland –
 - Reviewed items from the proposed fee schedule and CIPs for 2020. Discussion was had regarding the following:
 - City owned docks – pro-rated prices for the end of the season
 - Cost of ice rental

- Public Skate increase of \$1
- Non-prime time reduced rate rental
- Edgewater Bay Pavilion patio (CIP)

Adjournment: Jennifer Vogt-Erickson made a motion to adjourn the Park Board meeting at 6:36pm, and Rich Yost seconded the motion. Adjournment was approved 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Afton Wacholz
Acting Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Secretary

Approved:

Mark Calderon
Park & Recreation Advisory Board Chairman