

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chair Carol Oler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Board members in attendance were: Carol Oler, Bob Myron, Don Hassler, Preston Johnson, Doug Meece, Tim Meyers and Bob Breen. Staff members present were: James A. Bell, Parks and Recreation Director; Bob Schappacher, Park Facilities Manager; Heidi Schiller, Community Arts Center Manager; Ben Strickler, Park Events Manager; Cindi Lewellyn, Recreation Manager and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary.

Audience member Josh Eberhard entered the meeting at 5:50 pm.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

MINTUES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes from the March 2009 meeting were distributed to the Board members for review. A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 2009 minutes. The minutes were approved and stand as distributed.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Operations Reports: Jim Bell reviewed the February 2009 operations reports regarding revenues, expenses, and participation/programming numbers from the Golf Courses, Community Arts Center and the Recreation programs (attached).

Management Plan: Jim Bell informed the Board of the 2009 summer Family Value Options and Incentives for Parks Facilities and Events (attached).

Street Luge: The issue was brought before the Board at a previous meeting by Mr. Eberhard, a resident of Cincinnati, regarding permission of street luge usage at Harbin Park. After researching the City Ordinances, it was determined that there is no specific policy aimed at the usage of Street Luges. However, there is an ordinance in place that prevents “toy” vehicles from the public way. The Board decided that they are not going to move any further on this issue. The usage of Street Luges will be bound by the Park Rangers’ decision (ordinance or not) as to the danger to others presented by this activity.

ERCFC Name Change: A motion was made by Bob Breen to request City Council to change the Codified Ordinance of the Environmental Resources and Community Forest

Commission to the “Environmental Commission”. The motion was seconded by Doug Meece.

Sexual Predator Update: It was reported to the Board by Jim Bell that a sexual predator has recently moved next to the Fairfield Aquatic Center. The Board will appeal to Council to support House Bill 11 which is being brought up for legislation that will keep predators from moving close to any location frequented by children.

Officer Elections: The Board discussed whether to have the officers remain the same for one more year or to request nominations for election of new officers. Tim Meyers made a motion for the officers to remain as is for the upcoming year. The motion was seconded by Bob Myron. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

City Council Update: Tim Meyers reported that City Council is discussing possible term limits for Boards and Commissions. There has been a growing interest from citizens to serve on these committees. Term limits would allow more opportunities for new volunteers to serve.

Planning Commission Update: None

Tim Meyers left the meeting at 6:35pm.

Environmental Resources and Community Forest Commission Update: None

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Black Bottom Engineering underway: Parade (Memorial Day)

NEW BUSINESS:

09-03 Resolution (Brandstetter Carroll Inc.): It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-03 regarding that the City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with Brandstetter Carroll Inc., for the architectural and engineering services for the addition of the spray ground feature at the Fairfield Aquatic Center in accordance with the proposal on file in the office of the City Manager. The resolution passed unanimously.

09-04 Resolution (The Lifeguard Store): It was moved and seconded to approve Resolution 09-04 regarding that the City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Lifeguard Store, Inc., for the purchase of one aquatic play feature at

the Fairfield Aquatic Center in accordance with the proposal on file in the office of the City Manager. The resolution passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next monthly meeting of the Board will be held at 5:30 PM on May 12, 2009 at the Community Arts Center.

Cyndi A Kreke
Secretary