

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chair Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Bob Breen, Don Hassler, Doug Meece, Bob Myron and Dick Wood. Board Members Dr. Stanley Goodman and Tim Meyers were excused. Staff members present were: Jim Bell, Parks and Recreation Director; Bob Schappacher, Parks Facilities Manager; Ben Strickler, Parks Events Manager; Cindi Lewellyn, Recreation Manager and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Board, Doug Meece presented past Board Chair, Carol Oler, with an engraved crystal vase, in appreciation for her service to the City and the Parks and Recreation Board. Mrs. Oler expressed her appreciation and thanked the Board.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2010 meeting. The July minutes were approved as presented.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Operations Reports (June 2010): Jim Bell reviewed the June 2010 operations reports for revenues, expenses, and participation/programming numbers from the Golf Courses, Community Arts Center and the Recreation programs (attached). Mr. Bell commented that the combination of the hot summer weather and the severe spring weather reflected a decrease in the golf rounds.

Project Status Reports: Jim Bell reported that both the Fairfield Boat Ramp project (Black Bottom Park) and the Public Safety Tribute project were out to bid; bids were to be opened on August 16, 2010. Mr. Bell led the Board on a review the drawings for both projects. The Board commented on re-naming the Black Bottom site; prior to the opening of the facility in 2011. Mr. Bell commented that the Black Bottom name was a reference to fertile river soil area, from Mrs. Ester Benzing's book on Fairfield, and was just the "working name" of the project; with a name change being appropriate.

CAC Performance Support/Activities Report: Jim Bell asked that this item be removed from the agenda, since Board member Tim Meyers was not present. Mr. Meyers had asked that this item be revisited by the Board, since he was not present for the initial presentation at the June Board meeting or the subsequent discussion at the July Board meeting.

Miscellaneous: Jim Bell requested that the September Board meeting be changed from the September 14th date; to a date earlier in the month. This request was predicated by a timing issue with the opening of bids for several parks projects, followed by the Board's review/recommendation, and subsequently making City Council's agenda in September. The Board decided that it would meet on Thursday, September 2, 2010. The meeting would be relocated to Marsh Park, so the Board could tour the adjacent Martin-Marietta site (Marsh Park/Phase 2).

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Council Update: None

Planning Commission Update: Don Hassler reported that the Patterson Boulevard streetscape project had been approved by the City. Mr. Hassler also reported that the Planning Commission was reviewing a Hispanic Events Center proposal in the old Crystal Palace building; along with several worship center/churches signage requests. The Commission is reviewing PUD violations within the Stockton Station subdivision. Mr. Hassler commented that the Economic Services Department had reported to City Council that since January approximately 500 new jobs had been relocated to the City.

Dr. Stanley Goodman entered the meeting at 6:05 PM.

Environmental Commission Update: Bob Breen reported that ODNR Urban Forester, Wendi Van Buren, had attended the previous EC meeting and reported on the ODNR's Forest Academy (for Boards/Commissions). Mr. Breen also reported on the EC and Department's EAB efforts; the EC was concerned that the EAB infestation was becoming serious as more and more confirmations are reported in Butler County. The treatment of public high value ash trees was occurring, but further information on the removal of private ash trees by citizens should be stepped up. Mr. Breen also reported on a possible ODNR grant for assistance in the removal of ash trees. The Parks staff and the EC would track the progress of the proposed grant and submit an application when appropriate.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: Doctor Goodman apologized for being late, stating that he had been at an outing for the Fairfield Tempo Club/Show Choirs at the Fairfield Greens/South Trace. Dr. Goodman reported on the "Play Me" project, where the Fine Arts Fund is placing "public access" pianos throughout the Tri-State area. Doctor Goodman reported that Jungle Jim's International Market had received the piano for the Fairfield area. The pianos are decorated by artists; similar to the Flying Pig project of several years ago. Jim Bell commented that the Community Arts Center had also applied for the Fairfield area piano; but Jungle Jim's foot traffic count was a major

deciding factor. Doctor Goodman also commented on a recent article in the Parks and Recreation magazine on dog parks and shared that he had recently participated in the Grand Opening of the new Partners in Prime center on Sandy Lane.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The Board adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM. The next monthly meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held at 5:30 PM on September 2, 2010 at the Thomas O. Marsh Park.

Cyndi A Kreke
Secretary