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FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

MARCH 15, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chair Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Doug Meece, Bob Myron, Debbie Pennington and Billy Smith. Board Member Dean Bruewer was excused from the meeting. Staff members in attendance were James Bell, Parks and Recreation Director.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Doug Meece congratulated Bob Myron for his reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Myron was re-appointed by City Council at their March 14th meeting. Mr. Myron's new term will expire on March 31, 2019. Debbie Pennington noted that City Council also appointed Mr. Dennis Miller (term expiring 3/31/19) and Mr. Dale Paullus (term expiring 3/31/18) to the Parks and Recreation Board. Mr. Miller and Mr. Paullus' terms will begin April 1, 2016.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The February 2016 meeting minutes were approved as written.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR: No report.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

City Council Update: Debbie Pennington reported that she attended the Tree Commission Academy graduation luncheon on March 14th on behalf of the Board and the City. Environmental Commission members Gwen Ritchie, Tom Nault and Veronica Craig were graduates of the 2016 Tree Commission Academy class.

Planning Commission Update: Bob Myron reported that at the last Planning Commission meeting, the commission set a public hearing for a new Starbucks in the Stockton Station PUD. Also the Raising Canes restaurant (south-east corner of Dixie Highway and Nilles Road) and the Burger King restaurant (Gilmore Road/Cincinnati Mall) were proceeding slowly.

School Board Update: Billy Smith reported that the Crystal Classic was being held at the Fairfield Senior High School on March 19th and that the High School's Drama and Music Department would be performing Big Fish on April 21st – 24th at the Performing Arts Center.

Environmental Commission Update: No report

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: No report

Golf /Aquatics Ad Hoc Committee: No report

OLD BUSINESS: None

Jim Bell was excused from the meeting at 6:15 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Environmental Commission and Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Interviews: The Board conducted interviews for the vacancies on the Environmental Commission and the Cultural Arts Advisory Commission.

It was moved and seconded that the following candidates be recommended to City Council for appointment to the Cultural Arts Advisory Commission and the Environmental Commission:

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission

Joan Hume – Term expiring 3/31/19
Leslie Besl – Term expiring 3/31/19
Beth Zimmerman – Term expiring 3/31/19

Environmental Commission

Gwen Ritchie – Term expiring 3/31/19
Thomas Nault – Term expiring 3/31/19
David Sheehan – Term expiring 3/31/19
Joseph Stoeber – Term expiring 3/31/18
Vacant – Term expiring 3/31/17

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Meece stated that he would forward the Board's recommendations to Jim Bell, who would forward to the Clerk of Council.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 6:00 PM, at the Fairfield Community Arts Center.

Cyndi A. Kreke,
Secretary