

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

MAY 19, 2015

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The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at the Elisha Morgan Mansion/Gilbert Farms Park. Chair Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Dean Bruewer, Craig Keller, Doug Meece, Bob Myron, Debbie Pennington and Rodney Spencer. Board Member Billy Smith was excused. Staff members in attendance were Bob Schappacher, Facilities/Operations Manager and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary. Also present was Bob Breen, ex-Parks and Recreation Board member.

Debbie Pennington distributed informational brochures on the Elisha Morgan Mansion.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: Chairman Meece welcomed Bob Breen and presented Mr. Breen with a token of the Board's appreciation for his years of service to the Parks and Recreation Board and the City of Fairfield.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The April meeting minutes were approved as amended.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR: No report, James Bell was absent from the meeting. Mr. Bell was on a CAPRA accreditation visit on behalf of the National Recreation and Parks Association to Tamarac, FL.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

City Council Update: Debbie Pennington informed the Board members that Mr. Mark Wendling was sworn in at the last City Council meeting as the new City Manager. Mrs. Pennington also stated that the first summer concert would be held in Village Green Park on May 21, 2015 featuring the Fairfield High School Band.

Planning Commission Update: Bob Myron reported to the Board that the next Planning Commission meeting would be held next Wednesday. At the last Planning Commission meeting, the Commission approved the Cove at Village Green Condominium project. The planned Panera and Bank at the Meijer location on Gilmore Road is on hold.

Environmental Commission Update: Rodney Spencer deferred to Bob Schappacher to give the report for the Environmental Commission. Bob reported that the Environmental Commission, at their May 6th meeting, discussed the Arbor Day Celebration and the Tree City USA Awards Banquet at the City of Wyoming. Bob also mentioned how the EC board attended a meeting with the City of Hamilton Tree Board on Thursday May 14th to discuss joint ventures of the two boards in the future.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: No Report

Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee: Doug Meece reported that new landscaping was completed on the Number 1 tee at Fairfield Greens South Trace and new curbing was installed to replace broken and cracked curbing in the golf course parking lot.

OLD BUSINESS:

Harbin Park: Rodney Spencer questioned what had been done at Harbin Park regarding his concerns with parking, park maintenance practices, park cyclists and memorial tree artifacts; as discussed at the April Board meeting. Bob Schappacher replied that signage had been ordered to inform the public of the parking areas and that the Board had decided that the other matters would be re-visited after the summer season, if concerns remained.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parks and Recreation Board Re-Organization: The reorganization of the Board for 2015-2016 was discussed and the officers and ad hoc committee assignments were approved as follows:

Chair – Doug Meece
Vice Chair – Bob Myron
Secretary – Cyndi Kreke
Planning Commission Representative – Bob Myron
Environmental Commission Representative – Rodney Spencer
Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Representative – Craig Keller
Golf Course Ad Hoc Committee – Doug Meece and Rodney Spencer

Mr. Spencer informed the Board that he typically had difficulty attending the Environmental Commission meetings during the summer months, but would like to remain as the Board's liaison to the Commission. Dean Bruewer stated that he would be able to attend the Environmental Commission meetings in Mr. Spencer's stead, if the Board so desired. The Board was amenable to Mr. Bruewer's request.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at 6:00 PM, at Huffman Park.

Cyndi A. Kreke,
Secretary