

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chair Carol Oler called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Board members in attendance were: Bob Myron, Don Hassler, Doug Meece, Bob Breen and Dick Wood. Board Member Tim Meyers was excused. Staff members present were: Bob Schappacher, Parks Facilities Manager; Heidi Schiller, Community Arts Center Manager; Cindi Lewellyn, Recreation Manager; Ben Strickler, Special Events Manager; and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary. Parks and Recreation Director Jim Bell was not in attendance due to attending the NRPA Conference.

Carol Oler introduced Dick Wood (Fairfield School representative) to the Board and Staff. Dick Wood will be replacing Preston Johnson on the Parks and Recreation Board.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE: None

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2009 meeting. The September 2009 minutes were approved as presented.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Operations Reports: In Jim Bell's absence, Heidi Schiller addressed the Board regarding the August 2009 operations reports for revenues, expenses, and participation/programming numbers from the Golf Courses, Community Arts Center and the Recreation programs (attached).

2010 Proposed Operating Budget: Heidi Schiller distributed copies of the proposed 2010 Operating Budget to the Board members for their review (attached)

Fairfield Police Report: Earlier in the day, Don Hassler requested a police dispatch report from the previous weekend which was distributed to the Board for review. Per the report, juvenile disturbances and vandalism in the Village Green and surrounding areas has been increasing. The Board requested that the Sergeant in charge of the Police Rangers be invited to the next Parks Board meeting to discuss the duties and scheduling of the Police Rangers.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

City Council Update: None

Planning Commission Update: Don Hassler reported that a Church purchased the VFW property on Hicks Boulevard. Don also informed the Board of the issues involved with the zoning change for a new subdivision project on property owned by the Rolling Hills Swim Club. Public hearings are scheduled by City Council and the Planning Commission on the matter.

Bob Schappacher entered the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Environmental Commission Update: Bob Breen stated that the last Environmental Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: Bob Myron informed the Board that the Community Art Showcase doubled in participation this year. Bob Myron reported that the Footlighters production of "Midlife Crisis" was a success. The Celtic Festival next year is scheduled for March 20, 2010.

Ben Strickler entered the meeting at 5:55 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

Program Participation Rules / Regulations Review: The Board briefly discussed the current Program Participation Rules / Regulations and felt no changes were necessary. The employee's daughter who had questioned the policy was absent due to illness. The Board would reiterate their decision if she attends a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board questioned Bob Schappacher and Cindi Lewellyn regarding the failure of pool heaters during the 2009 pool season. Bob Schappacher stated that the pool heaters would be replaced in conjunction with the Spray Park project prior to the opening of the Aquatic Center in 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

The Parks and Recreation Board meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM. The next monthly meeting of the Board is tentatively scheduled to be held at 5:30 PM on November 10, 2009 at the Community Arts Center.

Cyndi A Kreke
Secretary