



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

September 21, 2009

5:30 p.m.

2 Civic Center Plaza, 10th Floor Conference Room

MINUTES

Members Present: 8

Henry Stokes, Chair, David Turner, Vice Chair, William Medrano, Matthew Carroll, Fred Shuford, Jeannine Kennedy, Richard Falvo, James Tolbert

Members Absent: 7

Ruben Robles, Brian Wickstrom, Francoise Feliberti, Ralph Cloud, Michael Armstead, Carl Pataky, Rodolfo Troncoso

Member Vacancies: 4

Staff Present: Joel McKnight, Assistant Director, Judy Weiss, Assistant Director, Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant

Agenda Item #1. Meeting Called to Order

Henry Stokes, Chair, called meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Agenda Item #2. Approval of Minutes: July 20, 2009

Motion by David Turner to approve the July 20, 2009 minutes as written. Second by Jeannine Kennedy. Discussion ensued: William Medrano requested a revision to Page 1, Agenda Item #4 to include the phrase "National Night Out" when referencing the park. Motion revised and carried (unanimous).

Agenda Item #3. Parks and Recreation Staff Announcements and Recognitions

Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation Judy Weiss thanked Mr. Turner and Mr. Medrano for attending the Grand Opening celebration of the Westside Sports Complex on September 8, 2009.

Ms. Weiss reviewed highlights of September 2009 Parks and Recreation newsletter and announced the Dog Day Swimming at Nations Tobin Park was a success with 160 dogs on Saturday and 250 dogs on Sunday.

Special recognition made for members completing two full terms on the Board; Mr. Henry Stokes and Mr. Matthew Carroll were awarded certificates of appreciation. Mr. Carl Pataky was absent and will receive his certificate in the mail.

Judy Weiss informed the Board that City Council will be making appointments to the nine-member board in October.

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Agenda Item #4. Petitions and Communications from the Public

Matthew Carroll, on behalf of Friends of the Arroyo Park, announced that the fall clean up was successful. Park is looking very nice and it is a great time to visit Arroyo Park.

Agenda Item #5. Subcommittees:

- a. Grievance Committee: That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board deny the appeal and uphold the suspension of George Ramirez, Crushers Team, Adult Softball for two (2) seasons.

David Turner summarized the incident for the Board, which included a threat of bodily harm. During the softball game there was an argument initiated by the catcher (George Ramirez) with the umpire. Catcher was thrown out of the game and an outfielder then attacked the umpire. Police report on file.

Motion made by Matthew Carroll to uphold the decision of the Grievance Subcommittee to suspend George Ramirez, Crushers Team, Adult Softball for two seasons. Second by James Tolbert. Motion carried. (unanimous)

- b. Grievance Committee: That the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board deny the appeal and uphold the suspension of Clay Harrison, Crushers Team, Adult Softball, for five (5) years.

David Turner explained to the Board that the outfielder, Clay Harrison, inflicted bodily harm (strangulation) to the umpire. The player showed no remorse and felt justified for his actions. Police report on file.

Motion made by Matthew Carroll that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board uphold the decision of the Grievance Subcommittee to suspend Clay Harrison, Crushers Team, Adult Softball for five years. Second by William Medrano. Motion carried. (Unanimous)

- c. Discussion and Information: Potential members for the Tree Board “Subcommittee”
Chair Henry Stokes reminded the Board that the Tree Board will become a Subcommittee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Assistant Director Joel McKnight reported that 5 members of the former Tree Board have indicated interested in the Subcommittee.

David Turner commented that the subcommittee should have a few members of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and members of the public.

Agenda Item #6. Discussion and Information: FY10 Hours of Operation and status of other changes implemented on September 1, 2009.

Assistant Director Judy Weiss presented information and explained the budgetary action to reduce hours at the recreation centers. A six month peak time analysis dictated justification for altering the hours of operation.

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Chair Stokes suggested placing the analysis on the website. Assistant Director Joel Mcknight added that staff worked diligently and communicated on this issue so that we would not cut core services but create efficiencies.

Prior to adjournment, Chair Henry Stokes stated - To be a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is a rewarding experience and an opportunity to represent your community. Please contact your representative and express your interest in the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Maggie Binkley, Administrative Assistant