

MINUTES
Recreation Advisory Commission
Wednesday, January 6, 2016 – 5:30 p.m.
Lower Level Conference Room

Members Present: Greg Harper, Angie Haller, Tim Riley, Al Wagner, Kim Warren and Brad Bark

Members Absent: Dana Kraft

Staff Present: Rich Klimes and Nick Gow

Guests Present: Jodi Hansen, Ashley Loveless and Ky Cochran

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Motion to approve minutes of the September 2, 2015 regular meeting. Moved by Harper. Second by Wagner. All ayes; motion carries.

Request – HNI Corporation Family Fun Day and Picnic

Klimes discussed the HNI Corporation Family Fun Day and Picnic request. Klimes stated staff's recommendation is to approve as requested.

Commission Member Riley motioned to approve the HNI Corporation Family Fun Day and Picnic as requested. Seconded by Commission Member Haller. All ayes; motion carries.

Request – Great River Days 2016

Klimes discussed the request for the 2016 Great River Days. Bark stated he's heard complaints that people get too close to the train tracks. Klimes stated they will review that at the pre-event meeting.

Commission Member Warren motioned to approve Great River Days 2016 request as submitted. Seconded by Commission Member Wagner. All ayes; motion carries.

Request – 38th Melon City Criterium

Harper discussed the 38th Melon City Criterium request. Klimes stated staffs recommendation is to approve the request as submitted.

Commission Member Wagner motioned to approve the 38th Melon City Criterium request as submitted. Seconded by Commission Member Haller. Five in favor and 1 abstained.

Request – Muscatine Garden Club – Plant It Pink!

Gow discussed the Plant It Pink request. Klimes stated staffs recommendation is to approve the request as submitted.

Commission Member Harper motioned to approve the Muscatine Garden Club-Plant It Pink request as submitted. Seconded by Commission Member Warren. All ayes; motion carries.

Discussion – Tobacco Free Parks

Klimes distributed and discussed the City of Muscatine’s Smoking Policy. Klimes stated tonight we will discuss the request. Once we’ve done that Jodi Hansen will submit a formal request for recommendation by the Commission.

Hansen stated she met with Ashley Loveless, Rich Klimes and Brett Talkington and concluded that they would like to see something more citizen driven rather than an ordinance. Hansen stated they are also comfortable with excluding the Golf Course from this request.

Discussion – Parks and Recreation Department Budget Review

Klimes discussed the budget process and distributed performance measures for each division.

Update – Projects and Grants

Klimes gave brief updates on the Parks and Recreation Departments current projects and grants.

Other Business

Klimes invited the Commission to participate in the 2016 Winter Festival on January 30th at the Muscatine Municipal Golf Course.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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