

**MINUTES**  
**Recreation Advisory Commission**  
**Wednesday, March 1, 2017 – 5:30 p.m.**  
**Lower Level Conference Room**

**Members Present:** Greg Harper, Brad Bark, Kim Warren, Dana Kraft, Al Wagner and Tim Riley

**Members Absent:** Angie Haller

**Staff Present:** Rich Klimes

**Guests Present:** None

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.

*Motion to approve minutes of the December 7, 2016 regular meeting. Moved by Harper. Second by Kraft. All ayes; motion carries.*

**Update – Melon City Criterium**

Klimes discussed the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Melon City Criterium request. Harper stated they are expecting around 400 racers and 2,000 spectators. Harper informed the Commission that this is a free event to the community and encouraged everyone to attend.

**Update – Great River Days 2017**

Staff explained to the Commission that the past Great River Days as we know it has been cancelled for the foreseeable future. The reasons given were due to pending road and park site future construction. Staff further explained that a group is working on a potential new event that could replace Great River Days and would more directly meet the current needs of the community.

**Update Projects – Dog Park Project, Aquatic Center Site Review, Cemetery Steps Project, REAP Grant Project, Riverfront Master Plan and Soccer Phase III**

*Dog Park Project* – Klimes stated the dog park location has been seeded and the CIAT will now help find funding for the project.

*Aquatic Center Site Review* – Klimes stated there is no funding for a consultant in the budget. Therefore, if we want to add a new feature at the Aquatic Center we will need to find private funding and do something on a smaller scale. Commission Member Bark, Commission Member

Warren, and Commission Member Wagner would like to join a subcommittee to help assist with this project.

*Cemetery Steps Project* – Klimes informed the Commission that the Friends of Greenwood Cemetery have raised all funds needed and were granted an extension to complete the project by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

*REAP Grant* – Klimes stated the rip rap project on the riverfront will be completed this week. Once they've finished that portion they will move on to the long dock. We are hoping to have the project completed before the boating season starts.

*Riverfront Master Plan* – Klimes discussed the current Riverfront Master Plan. There will be another public meeting to look at the latest plans.

*Soccer Phase III* – Klimes stated Nick Gow, Andrew Fangman, and himself met with the Muscatine Soccer Club last week to discuss ideas for a future indoor or outdoor athletic facility. They are currently looking at utilizing the private lot across the street from the Soccer Complex. The Muscatine Soccer Club would like to collaborate with the City, Community Y, and other usage groups to create a plan for this project.

#### **Update – Special Events**

Klimes distributed and discussed the current special event listing. Klimes informed the Commission that construction on the riverfront will start this spring and will continue for the next two years. Parking will be available and one entrance will be open at all times during the project. Pearl City Station and Riverview Center will be available to rent but groups must stay within the footprint of the facility during their rental. However, we have been advised that no large community celebrations will be allowed on the riverfront.

#### **Update – Golf Professional Search**

Klimes informed the Commission that our Golf Pro, Matt Romer, has taken a job to be closer to his family. Therefore, we are currently looking for a new Golf Professional.

#### **Discussion – Muscatine Parks and Recreation Budget Review**

Klimes stated staff met with City Council for our annual budget review on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Other Business**

Klimes stated the 2017 Program Brochure for the Muscatine Parks and Recreation Department should be available by the end of March.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Rexroth  
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