

MINUTES
RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday, November 2, 2011– 5:30 p.m.
Pearl City Station

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Livermore, Tim Riley, Kim Seligman, Greg Harper, Janell Kassel, Larry Buster

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Brown

STAFF PRESENT: Rich Klimes, Matt Beatty, Les Dennis

GUESTS PRESENT: Dyann Roby, Laurie Dennis

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

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2011 regular meeting. Moved, Seligman. Second, Riley. All ayes, motion carries.

Presentation – Budget Process

Klimes gave an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department budget and the process for creating the budget. Committee was asked to bring their thoughts and ideas to help shape the budget.

Update – Park Projects

- a. Musser Park trail – The trail is complete, but final grading of the site remains.
- b. Weed Park trail – Grand opening was held last week. Seligman commented that the trail is already heavily used.
- c. Hershey Street Project – Reshaped the soccer complex hillside. The fence will be moved to the top of the hill. Final grading of drainage area remains. This will be done by Thanksgiving.
- d. Phase III soccer development – Two additional citizens have been leading ideas for Phase III. One plan involves a possible indoor facility. Livermore and Riley had concerns that the Phase III plan is being taken over by two individuals, and that the Phase III Soccer Committee would like to have a say in these plans. Livermore had concerns about others asking for funding from the same places as the committee. Committee requested that the two citizens meet with the committee to discuss ideas. Harper commented on the increased costs of maintaining an indoor facility. Buster expressed his concern for current parking at the Soccer Complex. Riley would like to see commission oversee the process and channel the process to get something together, having the project done right and to insure it is for the entire community. A meeting was set for 5:30 pm on Wednesday, November 9 at City Hall to discuss project.

Discussion – Ice Skating Project

Klimes informed commission of the donation of a liner and sidewalls to form an ice rink on the basketball courts on the riverfront. Beatty explained the layout of the rink. Rink would be maintained by park maintenance staff. Seligman expressed concern of the rink being so close to the river that it might attract people to try and skate on river ice. Roby mentioned that she has received comments from citizens wanting more activity on the riverfront, so this project is a good idea. Kassel asked about skate rink being utilized by events in downtown.

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Other Business

Buster complimented those who worked on the Rose Garden.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Beatty
Program Supervisor