

MEETING MINUTES

PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

~ Work Study Session ~
Tuesday, January 19, 2010
4:00 p.m.

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

4:13pm

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Sue Spahr, Cheri Romley, Bill Cook, Eric Woods
Late arrivals: Lori Heiner, Albert Gonzales
Staff: Jason Kelly, Bob Worthen, Dean Smith, Jessica Busby
Guests: Brian Swanson & Jon Ardick (Youth Football), Casey Kasun (Little League)

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review and discussion of departmental revenues and strategies to maximize and/or create new revenue streams in FY09/10 and FY10/11.

Staff, Board and Guests discussed the importance of financial sustainability in the next budget year. Particular emphasis was placed on the parks division and the solutions to improving funding shortfalls in FY10/11 (projected to be \$1.2M which is double the shortfall in FY09/10). The Board and Guests provided feedback to staff in the areas of field lighting and field preparation regarding the social and financial impact on youth sport participants.

Solutions to parks funding challenges included sharing preparation and use of facilities, decreasing reliance on field lighting, various types of fundraising, changing maintenance practices, shifting season schedules, and financial assistance by the organizations.

Staff recommended a flat rate of recovery per youth for all organizations. Youth sport representatives were to consult with their boards and provide feedback to staff and Advisory Board about this recommendation.

b. Review and discussion of preliminary department FY10/11 budget.

Staff presented the Parks & Trails and Recreation Divisions anticipated FY01/11 budgets to the Advisory Board.

The Board discussed areas of park priority thereby providing staff with guidance of where to reduce service. Staff is to research assistance in maintaining properties and a cost-benefit analysis to decrease/abandon maintenance on those properties.

The Board and staff also acknowledged the need to partner other entities to help maintain current recreation programs and events. If partnership is unattainable then staff and Board will re-evaluate the programs to determine ranking of priority. It was also suggested the public be allowed the opportunity to provide feedback on the same.

4. ADJOURNMENT: 6:30pm

Motion by Sue Spahr; 2nd by Lori Heiner

Dated this 20th day of January, 2010 by: *Jason Kelly*