

RECREATION COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 10, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Chairman Rick Rettig. Committee members present were Tom Mackin, Jim Matuszak and Rick Rettig. Also present were Bridgette Kabat, City Administrator and Jon Eckel, Service Director.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Ann Schacht who owns an art studio in Country Charm Shopping Center stated that she would like to see the City expand the recreation program to include winter and spring breaks. She also said that she would like to see an innovation/tech center in town as she believes there is a huge hole in programming for kids between elementary and high school ages. Mr. Eckel referred to the programming at the 577 Foundation and said the City does not like to compete with programs that are already out there. Ms. Schacht said that she was thinking of something more technological such as 3D printers. Mr. Eckel suggested that she get a business plan together that could be presented to the Administration.

Jon Orser, 125 E. Front St., asked for an update on the Riverfront project. Mr. Rettig said that last month City Council approved applying for a grant for Riverside Park and the path at Riverside Park extending east to the Boat Club. He said that all planning and energy is going towards Riverside Park. Ms. Kabat added that the budget amendment was presented to the Finance Committee. The proposed amendment includes \$2.2 million dollars in improvements to Riverside Park and there are no other proposals on the table.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

Mr. Eckel reported that John Hawley was unable to make it to the meeting so he will be at the March meeting to give an update on his efforts regarding a skate park.

DISCUSSION REGARDING MUNICIPAL POOL

Mr. Eckel reported that he met with Steve Shively from the Y regarding the potential for keeping the pool open a little longer in the season. He said that it is currently scheduled to close on August 16th. Mr. Shively will give the City a proposal to operate the pool on weekends from the closing date until Labor Day.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Kabat asked the Committee for their support on the conceptual design of Riverside Park that was previously presented. She said the Administration believes the concept is consistent with the thoughts, ideas and philosophies that have been gathered through various studies and input from the public and City Council. Mr. Mackin said that he would like to see a breakdown of the estimate for the project. Ms. Kabat said that she and Mr. Walters will break it down into a logical format and get it to the Committee. The Committee agreed that they would like to review the information before they proceed with a resolution in support of the project.

Chris Tinney, President of PABSC, gave a brief update about the upcoming season. He said they are wrapping up registration and the numbers are down a little, but the school does not send flyers home anymore so they have been trying to get information out there using different methods. He said they are excited about the upcoming season and are appreciative of the work the City did on the fields. Mr. Eckel thanked Shelly Co. for their donation of screening for the fields.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Rettig
Chairman, Recreation Committee

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.