



Advisory Board Minutes September 8, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Kevin Loos, Vice Chair Jana Dobbs, Kelly Barth, Joe Caldwell and Andy Clayton

STAFF ABSENT: Roger Steinbrock

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GUESTS:

- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Kevin Loos.
- II. Approval of July 14, 2009 minutes – Motion to approve by Kelly, second by Jana. All approved.
- III. Concerns of the Board – Joe has concerns regarding field space for 11-12 year old baseball teams. The maximum number of teams to be taken is eight and this past year there were eight 11-year old teams alone. This coming season 11 and 12-year olds will be combined.
- IV. Meeting with Lt. Governor, Troy Findley (Alcohol tax on 9/2/09) – Ernie, Kevin and Doug Vance, KRPA Director, met with Lt. Gov. Troy Findley and one of his aides. Last couple of months have straight-lined, not going down, but didn't give us any indications that the alcohol tax wouldn't be looked at again. Ernie felt that it was a very positive meeting.
- V. Hobbs Park improvements – Park improvements are done. New restroom, sewer, electric, water, fence for the ball diamond. About \$150,000 revamp.
- VI. YSI baseball field progression – Moving very slowly. At the sub-grade point. Working on it since August 6th. Need to get irrigation in and seeded so grass can start growing. Old DCABA board donated \$15,000.00 toward fencing and/or backstops for these fields.
- VII. LHS Tennis Courts / Lights – We are bidding or working with Musco to get a lighting plan that will fit with city code. There are eight courts, but six courts will be lighted. The school will own the courts, but the city will operate and maintain it for the first \$100,000.
- VIII. Woody Park – Met with the neighborhood at the hospital. Had a good turnout. Some ideas were tossed around, but we are in a wait and see mode – see what the hospital comes up with.
- IX. IAC warranty maintenance of roof – Roof work has been rescheduled from September 9th to start on September 21st due to the availability of supplies needed. All regular maintenance was done two or three weeks ago. We have hired our own contractual engineer to keep an eye on this repair.

- X. H1N1 – City of Lawrence is building a contingency plan centered around the pandemic flu. Parks and Recreation would provide mutual aid to other division within the City.
- XI. 2010 Budget Session / Assists Foundation meeting – Meeting went very well. Assists Foundation basically wants to assist programs working for the wellness and health of youth and families. Discussed health, recreational and competitive needs for the community. The Assists Foundation was very supportive of what the City and LPRD does for the community and would like to explore further how they can be of assistance to benefit the community. Community needs will be discussed at the October 6th City Commission meeting. May need to hold another public forum to discuss and explore community recreational and health needs.
- XII. Staff reports
 - a. Recreation/Golf Revenue/Expense Report – Recreation report went down about three percent at the end of the year, from 107% to 104% -- two big checks that didn't come out at the same time. Golf course is holding its own – rounds up slightly and revenue holding steady to 2008.
 - b. Parks/Projects Report – Burroughs Creek Trail bid came in at \$560,000 (\$240,000 extra) – make sure we all the state funding. Going to go a lot farther than we thought. Also bidding Clinton Parkway trail in a month. Anticipating the costs coming in below the \$800,000 grant we received.
 - c. Marketing Report – will be involved with the community needs assessment and will be gathering information and setting community meetings. Staff is also finishing up on the winter/spring activities guide.

Miscellaneous – The Ice family has set some money aside to do a nice plaque for Al and Tony Ice to be displayed on Ice Field. Mark suggested putting it on a rock behind the first base area.

Meeting adjourned with next scheduled meeting Tuesday, October 13th, at Noon, Parks and Recreation Conference Room.