

# City of Lawrence

## Parks & Recreation Advisory Board February 13th, 2007



MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Spratt Tom Bracciano, Kelly Barth, and Bruce Muzzy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bill Penny

STAFF PRESENT: Fred DeVictor, Mark Hecker, Ernie Shaw and Roger Steinbrock

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Meeting was called to order by Chair Kelly Barth. Minutes of January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved on a motion by Bracciano, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Muzzy.

Board members commended staff on snow removal for parks and trails from recent storms. The Board was told there would be a tour on Saturday for Audubon Society interests on the trail between Burcham and Constant Park to discuss the proposed Kansas River Expression of Soul Sculpture Trail idea.

Staff presented a summary of 2006, activities and revenue which was a good year. Enrollment in activities increased 18%.

DeVictor reported on the benefit districts concept for the 5 acre Oregon Trail Park. There will be a public hearing on this at the February 27<sup>th</sup> City Commission meeting.

DeVictor handed out a letter from David Sakumura, which was submitted to the Lawrence Journal World, in support of the PLAY proposal and recreational needs in the community.

Shaw reported on activities such as youth Futsal leagues, Daddy Daughter Date Night, upcoming Science Fair and weekend swim meet at the Indoor Aquatic Center. There will be a synchronized swim competition the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in March and the annual Bill Self/LPRD Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament is set for June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Hecker updated the Board on park projects including the renovations to Clinton Park, Greenbelt Park, Burroughs Creek Trail design and Sesquicentennial Plaza.

Steinbrock told the Board at the Kansas Recreation and Park Association conference the Department received an "Outstanding New & Innovative Program" award for Annette Deghand's theatre and acting program for special population clients. He invited the Board to the 5:00-6:30P.M., March 6<sup>th</sup>, Friends of the Parks reception at the Depot.

Meeting adjourned at 12:50P.M. Next meeting March 13<sup>th</sup>.