



Advisory Board Minutes November 11, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Bruce Muzzy, Kelly Barth and Tom Bracciano

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vice Chair Kevin Loos, Jana Dobbs

STAFF PRESENT: Ernie Shaw, Mark Hecker

GUESTS: Lee Ice, Jimmy Gibbs

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- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Bruce Muzzy.
 - II. Approval of the October 14 minutes on a motion by Bracciano, second by Barth.
 - III. No concerns from the Board.
 - IV. Lee Ice, Youth Sports Supervisor gave a small presentation. Numbers are up in youth basketball, especially with taking over the Hoopster's league. Getting ready for baseball registrations now -- 150+ teams, not including Girls Fastpitch teams. Currently working with the school district with intramural volleyball. Projected revenue for 2010 is \$210,000, doubled since 2005 revenue. Continue to grow in numbers, but we need more gym space.
 - V. Concession and Beverage contracts – received two concession bids, Cesare Catering and Wiggles, LLC. Bids for the beverage contracts are due November 12th. Expect to receive proposals from Coca-Cola, Pepsi and 7-Up. Hope to have everything wrapped up in a week to get on to the city commission agenda.
 - VI. Background Checks – Jimmy spoke a bit about the form used for background checks on all potential new hires working with children, handling money, driving, etc. Option A – farm it out to another company, which would charge \$50-\$75 per person (expensive); Option B – use resources available through KBI – allows us to get same type of information for \$12.00 per person. Still money, but an investment when it concerns children.
 - VII. KDOL inspections / process – All city facilities are being inspected to make sure we are OSHA compliant. This involves monthly checks of fire extinguishers, fire evacuation route plans, lockout/tag out for electrical systems, bloodborne pathogens, etc.
 - VIII. Homeless camping concerns/actions – City commission meeting tonight will be discussing this issue. Normal process of clearing a campsite, once it has been identified, is to post a sign stating that clean-up will take place in 24 hours and to remove any/all personal belongings. This last camp clean up was worst one ever with five dump truck loads and two 4-yard dumpsters full of stuff. The area where this was built is a conservation area.

- IX. Ernie reported that Roger has sent a letter to the city commission reporting that there are two vacancies on the advisory board due to Tom and Bruce's term ending and that Kelly has expressed an interest in a second term.

- X.
 - a. Shaw reported that not much has changed since last month. Recreation revenue expected to be at 106% as time goes by. Registration continues to grow. Eagle Bend holding its own. Revenue expected to be \$100,000 over expenses.

 - b. Hecker reported staff has been working on a couple of projects – putting up Christmas lights downtown and the removal of the homeless camp.

 - c. The Winter/Spring activities guide is at print right now and will be an insert to the Lawrence-Journal World on Sunday, November 30th.

- XI.
 - a. Shaw reported that he is on a Nature Deficit committee with John McGrew, staff from the KU Natural History Museum and the school district. Young children are not getting out and getting enough of nature education nowadays. This committee is still in the early stages and have met only twice.

 - b. We have two interns, Bret Mott and Brett Leonard, starting in January for 16 weeks for about 30 hours per week.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 9th at Noon.