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PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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MEETING

LANCASTER PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Monday, July 16, 2012, 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

The Members of the Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board met July 16, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Library (Conference Room), 1600 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Lancaster, TX 75134.

Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Members Present: Mary Sykes, Abe Cooper, Spencer Hervey, Don May, Willene Watson, Jerry Giles, and Darwin Isham. **Absent,** Cecelia Rutherford

City Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director Sean Johnson, Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore, Parks and Building Services Superintendent Jodi Griggs, Park Foreman Giovanni Ortiz, and Administrative Secretary Cynthia D. Williams.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Willene Watson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. Consider Approval of Minutes (June 18, 2012)

Mr. Hervey made a motion seconded by Mr. Giles to approve the minutes of June 18, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

III. Lancaster Police Officer Association Fundraiser – Mud Run (Parks and Recreation Director Sean Johnson)

Mr. Johnson reported that the Lancaster Police Office Association (LPOA) approached staff with the idea of hosting a Mud Run fundraiser event in the City of Lancaster at Bear Creek Nature Park. The event will consist of 50 different obstacles throughout Bear Creek Nature Park, and will be 6½ miles long. The organizers of this event anticipate a \$100,000 donation to the LPOA with revenues generated from participant registration. The LPOA will contribute 20% of these proceeds to park improvements and recreation (teen) programming. They anticipate over 2,000 people. The City Attorney has written a user agreement, which includes all City requirements. This event is in memory of Officer Craig Shaw.

There was further questions/discussion.

IV. Fourth of July Event Update (Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore)

Mr. Moore reported on the Fourth of July Event. He reported that the event was excellent and we had the largest turnout in City history. Staff is looking forward to next year. We will begin meeting and planning next month for next year. We anticipate it will be much bigger.

There was further questions/discussion.

V. Teen Gaming Night (Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore)

Mr. Moore reported that the Parks and Recreation Department has collaborated with the Police Department for "Safe Saturday Teen Gaming Night." This event takes place at the Police Storefront across from the movie theater. Activities provided include an atmosphere and environment where the teens of the City of Lancaster have a safe place to enjoy video game tournaments, which include Xbox, Wii, and Play Station 3. The dates of the events are June 23, 2012 from 7p – 10p, July 14, 2012 from 7p – 10p, and August 11, 2012 from 7p – 10p. Average attendance for first two events was 40+ teens.

There was further questions/discussion.

VI. Country View Golf Course Update (Parks and Recreation Director Sean Johnson)

Mr. Johnson gave a brief update on the progress of Country View Golf Course. He reported that the latest project to be completed is the painting of the Club House and outdoor restrooms. Staff has already completed improvements in the Club House (i.e., new windows, partitions in bathrooms, etc.).

There was further questions/discussion.

VII. North Texas Soccer Association (Parks and Recreation Director Sean Johnson)

Mr. Johnson reported that the North Texas Soccer Association (NTSA) is the governing body that sanctions recreational soccer in all of North Texas. Desoto, Duncanville, and Cedar Hill teams play under the NTSA umbrella. In 2010, then current President of the Lancaster Soccer Association resigned requiring the City to oversee soccer for that season. Staff contacted NTSA and they have given the City of Lancaster permission to operate the Lancaster Soccer Association. Members of the Recreation staff attended the NTSA annual conference.

There was further questions/discussion.

VIII. National Softball Association of Texas Update (Recreation Superintendent Kevin Moore)

Mr. Moore reported that the National Softball Association of Texas (NSAT) came out and viewed our fields. They are interested in hosting teams at City Park as well as Cedardale Park. The NSAT is interested in hosting tournaments in Lancaster. The first tournament is this weekend at City Park and they have tentatively booked August 4 and 5, 2012.

There was further questions/discussion

IX. Introduction of New Park Foreman (Parks and Building Services Superintendent Jodi Griggs)

Ms. Griggs introduced new Park Foreman Giovanni Ortiz. He gave a brief introduction of his experience and background.

There was further questions/discussion.

X. BSW Juneteenth 2013 Update (Parks and Recreation Director Sean Johnson)

Mr. Johnson reported that 2013 would be a very busy year for Parks and Recreation. Next year, the BSW Juneteenth Celebration, the Fourth of July, and a proposed Jazz Festival would take place in the City of Lancaster. Staff is searching to secure an agreement similar to what other cities have done in an effort to solicit sponsorship, donations, and book entertainment with 50% of proceeds coming back to the host city.

There was further questions/discussion.

XI. Set Agenda of Next Meeting

- Amphitheater Update
- Update: Summer Camp and Summer Activities
- Update on Mud Run

XII. Adjournment

Mr. Hervey made a motion seconded by Mr. Cooper to adjourn. All present approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST:



Cynthia D. Williams, Administrative Secretary

APPROVED:



Willene Watson, Chairperson
Lancaster Parks and Recreation Advisory Board