

Park & Recreation Board
Monday, July 9, 2012
Minutes

Members present: Charlie Bruckner, Michael MacDonald, Patrick Carroll, William Ramsey, Richard Kavulla, and Karen Harant

Members absent: Russell Motschenbacher

Staff present: Marty Basta, Cindy Stein

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm.

With one correction to add Richard Kavulla as present at the June Park Board Meeting; Board motioned to approve the June Park Board minutes as written. Motion seconded and carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- RET maintenance plan update; two proposals have been received;
- Fireworks display for Great Falls on the 4th of July went very well; fundraising efforts continue throughout the year to pay for the City's fireworks;
- Marty to meet with Commissioners and Directors on the final budgets this week.
- Paris Gibson award ceremony was held on June 28th; Greg Hall received the Paris Gibson award and donated his \$500 prize to the Gibson park lighting project;
- Working with the Rotary Club on a grant for playground equipment at West Bank Park;
- Gary Trescott, who was an advocate for parks and recreation passed away recently; he had a vision of placing a sundial in the parkland east of 10th street Bridge. The sundial is being placed today in his memory.
- Mike Hollern completed the landscape on the west end of the Weissman Bridge (trail section) as an art form; it will be dedicated later.

Natatorium Pool Fundraiser "Save the Nat"

Denise Bounty was present to update the board on their fundraising efforts from "Save the Nat" foundation. Denise is the lead person in their fundraising efforts and is open to new ideas for future fundraising events. In the year 2016 the Natatorium will be 100 years old and they are looking at increasing fundraising efforts in the next 4 years and then have a huge event in 2016 to celebrate 100 years. They have done bake sales several times, worked with schools "pennies for our pool" and this fall they will send out letters to local and rural schools who use the Natatorium. They are looking for support from the board for the fundraising efforts for "Save the Nat".

Board motioned to approve the fundraising activities that have been held and also for staff to work with their committee on "Save the Nat" fundraising efforts. Motion seconded and carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Disc Golf West Bank Park

Andrew Kent and Maggie Miller presented their idea of putting in "disc golf" (folf) course in West Bank Park, there is currently one in Warden Park. They plan on doing fundraising efforts to cover the costs of the course; business's can sponsor a hole. They would like to do a 9 hole course and don't feel that it will interfere with the West Bank Master Plan already in place and will not interfere with the trail. They would also put a lock box for future donations to help maintain the course. Each hole will have a description of distance. They estimate \$480-\$500 per hole needed to complete the course and will work with volunteers that are professionals.

Marty reminded the board that there is the group wanting to put in a "casting course" for fly fishing practice and that he is working with the Rotary Club on a natural playground area.

Board motioned the approval of the placement of the disc golf course in Westbank Park, to work with Park & Recreation on placement of the course.

Final Design Skate Park Mural

Rachael Kaiser presented a mural drawing that she has done to be painted on the front of the skatepark (River Drive side). The drawing consisted of a Dinosaur with a lot of other paintings going through it and on the spine of the dinosaur. Park and Recreation has received \$500 in donations for such a project that would cover the paint supplies.

Board motioned to accept Rachael's final design of a dinosaur to be painted on the River Drive front side of the skatepark. Motion seconded and carried.

This is a pilot project funded by Waddell and Reid....Requested to be informed when the project starts (looking at cooler weather in September)

EDM Proposal for the Weissman Bridge

EDM Company out of Colorado is requesting permission to run a fiber optic cable across the Weismann Bridge, cable will run under the bridge and they are offering to pay \$100/year plus an initial fee of \$900. Cable would run approximately 1,000 feet.

Board motioned to not accept their bid of \$100/year and ask that staff research other fees paid for similar requests prior to making any final decision. Motion seconded and carried.

Board

- Fly Fishing course update? There are no updates at this time;
- River Drive construction and the impact on the trail with the runoff from the road that is causing problem. Water to be channeled to a few different spots to mitigate the problem; they will not be doing any structural things on the trail;
- North shore development on the trail; there is some work being discussed and it is out of the city limits;
- Senior Olympics – nothing but good compliments on the entire event --- very well organized

With no further business, meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

