

FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chair Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Doug Meece, Bob Breen, Dr. Stanley Goodman, Don Hassler, Dick Wood and Bob Myron. A motion was made and seconded to excuse Tim Meyers. Staff members present were: Jim Bell, Parks and Recreation Director; Bob Schappacher, Parks Facilities Manager; Heidi Schiller, Community Arts Center Manager; Cindi Lewellyn, Recreation Manager; Ben Strickler, Parks Events Manager and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary. Audience members in attendance were Mary Hopton, Finance Director for the City of Fairfield; Dave Padgett, Acting President for the Fairfield Youth Baseball Association; Mike Starkey, Vice President of T-Ball Leagues for the FYBA; Jason Frank, Vice President of Boys Instructional Leagues and John Ervin, Vice President of Sponsorships.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

Mary Hopton presented to the Board a report regarding the City of Fairfield's economic forecast for the remainder of 2010 and 2011. Ms. Hopton discussed with the Board the Income Tax Revenue comparisons from recent years and the projections for the upcoming years; and how that would relate to the operations budgets and the capital budgets of the City. Ms. Hopton discussed the City's Bond Rating and its reserves accounts and the necessity of keeping both at an acceptable level.

Dave Padgett, Mike Starkey and John Ervin presented the 2010 Fairfield Youth Baseball Report (attached). The Board and the FYBA representatives discussed future growth and the Board's desire that the Association review the "best practices" prior to bidding its upcoming concessions contract in order to receive the best financial return on the facility.

Tim Meyers entered the meeting at 6:06 PM.

MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the September 2, 2010 meeting. The September minutes were approved as presented.

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:

Operations Reports (August 2010): Jim Bell reviewed the August 2010 operations reports for revenues, expenses, and participation/programming numbers from the Golf Courses, Community Arts Center and the Recreation programs (attached).

Heidi Schiller and Ben Strickler left the meeting at 6:30 PM, in order to attend the Cultural Arts Advisory Commission meeting; as the staff liaisons.

Public Safety Tribute Project: Jim Bell reported that the Public Safety Tribute project is about 80% completed. He informed the Board that the dedication ceremony will be held on November 22, 2010; prior to the scheduled City Council meeting that evening.

Dog Park Project: Jim Bell reported that he had met with Mr. Meyers, following the City Council decision to delay the funding of the Black Bottom Park project. Mr. Meyers had requested that staff review potential sites to construct a dog park; sites that were considered were the Fairfield Youth Football Complex and Harbin Park, since both sites already had the parking infrastructure in place. Staff concluded that if the Board wished to proceed with the dog park project, that the Harbin Park site was more desirable due to the isolation of the Football Complex site. The Board was shown an aerial of the park and a possible site location. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the project and the proposed site and asked if staff had prepared cost estimates. The Board was told that cost estimates had not been solicited, since there was not a consensus from the Board on the project. The Board asked staff to prepare cost estimates for the November meeting to assist the Board in the decision making process.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Council Update: Tim Meyers reported on the 2010, 2011 and 2012 financials as it would relate to City Council's approval of the 2011 Operations Budget.

Tim Meyers left the meeting at 6:45 PM, to attend the City Council meeting.

Agenda Modification: Jim Bell requested that the Board modify the agenda, so that he could discuss an executive session item, prior to leaving the meeting to attend the City Council meeting. The Board agreed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: It was moved and seconded that the Board recess into Executive Session to discuss Property Acquisition. A roll call vote approved the motion. The Board recessed into executive session at 6:48 PM.

The Board returned from executive session at 6:56 PM.

Jim Bell left the meeting at 6:56 PM, to attend the City Council meeting.

Planning Commission Update: Don Hassler reported that the Commission was in the process of reviewing a re-submittal of plans by the First Baptist Church (Hicks Boulevard) to construct a Community Center building on their property. The Commission had approved the Stockton Station subdivision's request to up to 36' of privacy fencing to be erected around patio areas.

Environmental Commission Update: Bob Breen reported that the EC had conducted a site meeting at Memorial Grove and was concerned about how the ash tree removal for EAB will be affected by the economy

Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update: Dr. Goodman reported on the success of the Community Art Showcase exhibit.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:07 PM. The next monthly meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held at the Fairfield Community Arts Center on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 5:30 PM.

Cyndi A Kreke
Secretary