

## **FAIRFIELD PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011**

The monthly meeting of the Fairfield Parks and Recreation Board was conducted on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Chair Doug Meece called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Board Members in attendance were: Bob Breen, Dr. Stanley Goodman, Don Hassler, Doug Meece, Bob Myron, Terry Senger and Dick Wood. Staff members present were: Jim Bell, Parks and Recreation Director; Heidi Schiller, Community Arts Center Manager; Bob Schappacher, Parks Facilities Manager; Cindi Lewellyn, Recreation Manager; and Cyndi Kreke, Secretary. Also in attendance was Liz Hunter, Environmental Commission Chairman.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:** Liz Hunter, Environmental Chair, reported to the Board the progress of the Environmental Commission for 2010. The report is attached. Ms. Hunter reported that Mr. Jim Montague/Lakeview Garden Center and Ms. Kim Fields had received the Environmental Commission's Friends of the Fairfield Forest Award for 2010 (Business Award and Resident Award). Jim Bell commented that Ms. Hunter had made a similar report to Fairfield City Council on Monday, April 11, 2011. Mr. Bob Breen commented that the Environmental Commission was a hard-working volunteer group and its efforts benefited the community. The Board thanked Ms. Hunter for her efforts and the efforts of the Environmental Commission.

**MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the March meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

#### **REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR:**

**Operations Reports (February 2011):** Jim Bell reviewed the February 2011 operations reports for revenues, expenses, and participation/programming numbers from the Golf Courses, Community Arts Center and the Recreation programs (attached).

**EAB Grant Application:** Jim Bell reported that the City had been notified by ODNR that it was not amongst the communities that received grant funding for its ash tree removal efforts in 2011. Bob Breen reported that the Environmental Commission had discussed this matter at its April meeting and had requested that Ben Strickler, staff liaison, to the EC investigated with ODNR the reasons for the City not being selected for funding.

## **REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

**Council Update:** Terry Senger reported that the City had reached agreements with all its bargaining units (5 local unions) on three year agreements, with no wage increases or health care increases for the first two years, and a re-opened on wages and health care in the third year.

**Planning Commission Update:** Don Hassler reported that the Planning Commission had several items on its agenda for its April meeting: curb cuts along Nilles Road, west of Bibury; a recreation center for the Hicks Boulevard Baptist Church; and a conditional use for Tori Station and a salvage yard on Tedia Way. The Board questioned if there was any progress on the vacant Flower-Rama/Taco Bell sites; and Mr. Hassler knew of no progress.

**Environmental Commission Update:** Mr. Breen stated that the Environmental Commission was disappointed in ODNR's lack of funding of the EAB ash tree removal grant.

**Cultural Arts Advisory Commission Update:** Doctor Goodman reported at the CAAC was pleased with the upcoming season brochure and commented on the recent Celtic Festival.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

Dick Wood and staff were excused from the meeting at 6:00 PM; Mr. Wood had a PTC meeting to attend and staff was dismissed.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Parks and Recreation Board interviewed Mrs. Pat Davis for the vacant Cultural Arts Advisory Commission seat and Mr. Greg LoBuono and Mr. James Herrmann for vacancies on the Environmental Commission. Mr. David Cotteryahn was scheduled for an interview for the Environmental Commission, but did not attend his interview.

Following the interviews, it was moved and seconded that the Board recommend to City Council that Mr. Pat Davis be appointed to the CAAC and Mr. Greg LoBuono and Mr. James Herrmann be appointed to the EC. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM. The next monthly meeting of the Board is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 5:30 PM, at the Community Arts Center.

Cyndi A Kreke  
Secretary