

MINUTES
IRVING PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MONDAY APRIL 12, 2010
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
6:30 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Trivella Smith
Larry Stipes
Marilyn Wilson
Chuck Kirk
Helen Chaplin
Marcy Brown-Marsden
Mike Kwiatkowski

IPAR STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Michalski
Gayle Averitt
Mike Griffith
Walter Ritchie
Becky Dietz
Gene Moulden
Doug Wilson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Karen Harmon, Kimberly Zahorik

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Item 1 – Call to Order

Larry Stipes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Item 2 – Approval of Minutes

Chuck Kirk noted changes to be made in the March minutes. The changes were:

- Dwight Pinnix was listed twice under Staff present
- Gene Moulden was not listed as Staff present

Marcy Brown-Marsden made a motion to approve minutes with corrections. Chuck Kirk 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3 – Chairperson Report

Chairperson Larry Stipes asked for a volunteer to be the liaison at Mustang Recreation Center. Chuck Kirk volunteered to be the liaison.

Item 4 – Council Action Report

No report this month.

Item 5 – Current Projects Update

Gene Moulden updated the board on the current projects including the Sam Houston Trail Park, Lake Carolyn Promenade, the McArthur Blvd. beautification and the West Irving Aquatic Center. Gene mentioned that the Grand Opening of the new aquatic center will be mid June. The delay in opening is due to the recent rains that have put the contractor behind schedule. Gene also mentioned the area of Champion Trails from Twin Wells to Trinity View. The portion of the trail on Singleton is now under construction. Gene advised board members of the new entrance that is being constructed at Jaycee Park off of Puritan residential street. Once the new entrance is complete, the existing entrance from the Hwy 183 service road will be permanently closed for further Highway construction.

Gene mentioned that the Grand Opening of the Animal Care Campus on March 27th went very well and also mentioned that the Dog Park will open on May 22nd after the grass has had a chance to mature. Gene answered questions from board members.

Item 6 – Information Items

A. Improvements to Seasonal Pool Operations

Walter Ritchie made a power point presentation on Improvements to the Seasonal Pool Operations. Walter advised board members that the West Irving Aquatic Center will open this June. Walter mentioned that in relocating the aquatic operations of the 3 existing seasonal pools that are closing this year will be beneficial by:

- enhancing service delivery to residents in South / West Irving
- relocating staff to new facility, thereby reducing overall seasonal staffing requirements
- reducing overall operation/maintenance requirements

The amenities that will be available at the West Irving Aquatic Center and were not available at the 3 pools closing are:

- shaded toddler pool
- interactive water playground
- water slides
- lap lanes
- wet deck
- resistance channel
- water rock climbing wall
- concession area

Walter answered questions from board members.

B. Litter Abatement and Corridor Maintenance Program

Doug Wilson made a power point presentation updating the board on the litter and corridor team's progress. Doug mentioned that the first quarterly shopping cart retrieval day was very successful with 175 carts being purchased back by local stores resulting in a total of \$7,000 revenue. The next retrieval day is set for July 23rd which will allow the purchase by local stores to buy back carts which have been retrieved throughout the city.

As of 3/31/10, the litter corridor team has collected 177,160 lbs of litter from our roadways and medians. Doug answered questions from board members.

C. Budget Review / Update

Chris Michalski updated the board on the development of the 2010 - 2011 Budget. The fairly lean budget was submitted to Budget and Compensation on 4/9/10 and will be presenting additional information over the next month. Chris answered questions from board members.

D. Director's Report

Chris Michalski mentioned that the Earth Day event went very well with approximately 3,000 in attendance which was very exciting considering it was the 2nd year for this program. Chris advised the board that the City will find out later this month if we have received the Tree City USA designation.

E. Athletic & Aquatic Activities Update

Walter Ritchie updated the board of upcoming athletic and aquatic activities including opening day for IBBA. Walter mentioned that the participant numbers are low in the athletic sports due to the economy. Walter answered questions from board members.

F. Park Maintenance Team Update

Mike Griffith advised the board of the many duties that Staff is handling including the Easter clean-up, Earth Day, trimming trees for the Texas Stadium implosion viewing and removal of 65 trees from the University of Dallas campus site for transplant. Mike mentioned that the City has partnered with the Boy Scouts to plant 100 trees at Northwest Park to create more shade. Mike answered questions from board members.

G. Recreation Activities Update

Information in packet.

H. Administrative Activities Update

Gayle Averitt advised the board of two upcoming Grand Openings, one being the Dog Park opening on May 22nd and the other being the opening of the West Irving Aquatic Center on June 12th.

Item 7 – Committee Reports

Trivella Smith mentioned that there are lots of activities scheduled at the Heritage Senior Center.

Item 8 – Future Agenda Items/Open Discussion

Mike Kwiatkowski would like to see discussion regarding the Twin Wells golf course on a future agenda item.

Item 9 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

