

**MINUTES  
IRVING PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD  
CALLED MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2010  
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM  
6:30 PM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Marcy Brown-Marsden  
Karen Harmon  
Chuck Kirk  
Helen Chaplin  
Trivella Smith  
Marilyn Wilson  
Kimberly Zahorik

**IPAR STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Walter Ritchie  
Gayle Averitt

**OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Casey Tate  
Gene Moulden

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Larry Stipes  
Mike Kwiatkowski

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Gerald Farris

**Item 1 – Call to Order**

Marcy Brown-Marsden called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Item 2 – Action Item**

- A. Endorsement of Spray ground Designs for Northwest and Southwest Parks  
Gene Moulden presented the spray ground designs for both parks. The Board had the following questions/comments:
- Will the spray grounds be fenced? *No*
  - Are you concerned about vandalism/graffiti? *No, these facilities would be similar to existing playground equipment.*
  - Will any staff be on site? *No lifeguards will be on site; however, staff will do periodic chemical checks.*
  - If staff finds the water has been contaminated due to a bathroom incident, will the facility be closed? *No, these facilities will have UV systems. And should any type of bodily fluid or fecal matter be found the area will be cleaned.*
  - Will these facilities be installed where the old swimming pools were located? *Yes*
  - Will the surface be non-slip? *Yes*
  - Is water treated constantly? *Yes, the chemical system will constantly treat the water that is in the holding tank.*
  - Regarding children in diapers, will there be changing tables in the restrooms and appropriate receptacles? *Yes, the restrooms will be ADA accessible and will have diaper changers.*

- Will restrooms have soap? *Yes*
- Will there be signage indicating dogs are not allowed? *Yes, that is State mandate, only service animals allowed.*
- Will there be a snack bar or can people bring food? *Northwest will not have concessions, Southwest will have concessions available when softball games are being played, and guests may bring food to each facility. Picnic tables will be nearby.*
- Why is there a size difference between Southwest and Northwest? *At Northwest we were able to reuse some of the pumps and storage tanks. Keeping the money equal, we were able to make the Northwest spray grounds larger.*
- Why is the hardscape more at Southwest? Is there going to be more concrete area? *The storage areas have to be renovated and additional pad for filters, pumps, etc.*
- How close are the restrooms at Southwest to the water area? *Fairly close*
- Has the Southwest restroom been renovated, will it be heated, and is there a baby changing area? *It is currently in good shape. Radiant heaters are being considered. Baby changers will be installed.*
- Will the water features at the parks be on a timer? *A clock will control the operation hours. Between 9 p.m. and 9 a.m. the water features will not be operational. From 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. the water features will be activated by users.*
- Are children allowed without adult supervision? *Signage will indicate adult supervision recommended, but there will be usage without supervision.*
- Is there an age limit? *No age limit.*
- Will there be any protective fencing at Southwest? *There will be a seating wall which will help to deter children from running into the street. The street is not immediately adjacent to the spray ground.*
- Is there an estimated capacity? *25 s.f. per person, but since guests will not be in an enclosed space, there is not a designated capacity.*
- Do you anticipate these facility taking guests away from the aquatic centers? *No*

Karen Harmon made a motion to endorse the spray ground designs for Northwest and Southwest Parks. Chuck Kirk 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 3 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.