

**MINUTES**  
**IRVING PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2010**  
**COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**6:15 PM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Larry Stipes  
Karen Harmon  
Chuck Kirk  
Helen Chaplin  
Mike Kwiatkowski  
Trivella Smith  
Marilyn Wilson

**IPAR STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chris Michalski  
Mike Griffith  
Walter Ritchie  
Ray Cerda  
Durenda Pena

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Marcy Brown-Marsden  
Kimberly Zahorik

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Allan Meagher  
Gerald Farris

**Item 1 – Call to Order**

Larry Stipes called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**Item 2 – Approval of Minutes**

Mike Kwiatkowski made a motion to approve the minutes. Chuck Kirk 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 3 – Chairperson Report**

No report this month.

**Item 4 – Council Action Report**

Chair, Larry Stipes welcomed Councilman Gerald Farris to the meeting. Councilman Farris introduced himself to board members.

**Item 5 – Information Items**

**A. Director's Report**

Chris Michalski informed board members that the Main St. Event was cancelled due to bad weather. Chris stated that he was very appreciative of staff efforts in preparation for this event and commended staff on the set up and break down of the event in the inclement weather.

Chris Michalski mentioned that the City has hosted the Mustang World Series since 1995 at Trinity View Park. Two weeks after the World Series this year, Boys Baseball received a two line e-mail from PONY Baseball advising them that they were removing the Mustang World Series from Irving. The World Series will however stay in the North Texas area.

Chris advised board members that we are now into the new budget year. Staff is doing excellent in tending to the jobs that have been on hold due to the year-end budget shortfall.

Chris Michalski mentioned that the northern sector of Champion Trails has become a popular spot on week-ends for organizations to run events such as walks. Chris received an email from a citizen voicing her concern as she wanted to use the trails but they were closed for an event. Chris responded to her email that events are scheduled sparingly as to not have the trails closed every week-end.

#### **B. Athletic & Aquatic Activities Update**

Walter Ritchie updated the board on the Aquatic attendance this past fiscal year. The number of persons utilizing our pools and classes was 267, 908.

The athletic club numbers were about the same as last year. Football increased by a couple of teams.

Walter mentioned the events being held at the northern end of the Champion Trail system. The scheduled walks do not take up the entire trail so there is plenty of room for other citizens to use along with the southern end of the Champion Trail system. Walter answered questions from board members.

#### **C. Litter and Corridor Team Update**

Information in packet.

#### **D. Park Maintenance Team Update**

Mike Griffith asked board members to put these dates on their calendar for upcoming activities.

- November 11 – Arbor Day Proclamation presented at City Council Meeting
- November 12 – 10:30 a.m. - MacArthur High School Arbor Day Celebration
- November 13 – 10 a.m. – honor Boy Scout's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary by planting 100<sup>th</sup> tree at Northwest Park.
- November 20 – NFL Superbowl 45 tree planting ceremony

Mike answered questions from board members.

#### **E. Recreation Activities Update**

Ray Cerda updated the board on upcoming activities including the fall carnivals at the recreation centers. Ray announced the winner of the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Ms. Mature Irving pageant was Ann Danford with runner up being Olivia Villagra. Ray mentioned that Lively Pointe is taking reservations for tours of several local colleges for students who are interested.

Ray Cerda spoke about the Future Leaders of Irving program. This is a teen program in collaboration with the City of Irving Parks and Recreation Department, the Irving Independent School District, YMCA, Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce and the Irving Chamber of Commerce. This was established last year to create a Future Leaders of Irving for teens. It was designed to train selected teens the fundamentals of leadership. The teens meet each month at various locations to discuss different topics. Ray answered questions from board members.

**F. Administrative Activities Update**

No report this month.

**Item 6 – Committee Reports**

**A. Recreation Center Liaison Report**

Mike Kwiatkowski, liaison of Cimarron Recreation, brought up the question of having free time in the gymnasium versus having revenue generated programs. Ray Cerda stated that all recreation centers are struggling with this issue at each facility to meet the demands of the public while offering free and affordable programming.

**B. Tree Board Update**

Items were covered in the Park Maintenance Team Update

**Item 7 – Future Agenda Items/Open Discussion**

Karen Harmon asked when the MotoCross track would be opening. Allan Meagher informed the board that they are working on some governmental issues with the Texas Legislature regarding liability issues and also how the park is to be ran.

**Item 8 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.