

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board

November 4, 2009

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held in the first floor conference room of the Town's Annex building on Wednesday, October 7, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Cindy Neely, Chair.

Members Present

Cindy Neely
Mary Ann Finn
Gail Stanford
Elizabeth Baxter
Jim McIntosh

Members Absent

Alex Brown, ex officio member
Councilor Cynthia Bettison, ex officio member

Town Staff Present

Luan Mitchell

Members of the Public Present

Frank Merritt
Carlene Roters
Cecilia Stanford

Approval of September 16, 2009, Minutes

Chair Neely reminded Luan to refer to one of the ex-officio members as Councilor Cynthia Bettison in the minutes. Mr. McIntosh moved to approve the minutes as amended, Ms. Finn seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Approval of October 7, 2009, Minutes

The misspelling of Chair Neely's name under Old Business was corrected and Ms. Stanford moved to approve the corrected minutes. Mr. McIntosh seconded and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 5:30 pm.

Public Input

Cecilia Stanford presented her proposal for a mural at Penny Park. The mural would be on both sides of the two walls at the entrance to the park. When Penny Park was built, an adobe mural was installed on the walls, but it has since deteriorated and most of it has fallen off. The new mural would be a ceramic tile and stained glass mosaic designed by Silver City people of all ages. Ms. Stanford and her friend and fellow artist, Carlene Roters, have offered their services to design and supervise the fabrication and installation of the project to the Town free of charge. The estimated cost of materials is \$11,000.

Ms. Gail Stanford asked what the applicants wanted from the Town. Ms. Cecilia Stanford said as the project is on Town property, obviously support of the Town would be needed as well as the funding. Gail Stanford moved that the Parks and Recreation Board give its support to the mural project and recommend to the Town Council that it support the project in theory and financially. Mr. McIntosh seconded and the motion was passed unanimously. Mr. McIntosh volunteered to write the letter of recommendation. Ms. Neely said she remembered being told that financial applications under \$50,000 did not need council approval and could go directly to Alex Brown.

Member Reports

Ms. Stanford reported that she spoke with Ann Trotter of the Town and Country Garden Club about getting new trees for Gough Park. She said that is a project the garden club would be interested in. Ms. Neely suggested she call Peter Pena.

Mr. McIntosh announced that the race on Halloween weekend was successful, with 70 runners. He said there are plans to do it again next year.

Ms. Neely reported on her meeting with Alex Brown and that he said it would be ok for someone from the board to sit in on the budget process next spring. He reiterated that they are still waiting on insurance payments for Penny Park and that there are still no applicants for the open board positions. Ms. Neely passed out application forms and asked the board members to give them to anyone who might be interested.

Old Business

Regarding the skate park, Ms. Finn said it looked pretty clean when she was there recently.

Parks and Recreation Board role: There was much discussion concerning the viability of the board and the negative comments about its effectiveness. It was decided to continue the board, follow through on support for the mural project and to continue to push for a coordinator. Monthly meetings were determined not to be necessary and the board will meet as needed. In place of a meeting in December, the group will get together on Friday, December 4th for a lunchtime hike. There will be a meeting on January 6, 2010, when budget discussions may begin.

Ms. Stanford said the pool advocacy group has a wish list and Ms. Neely said Alex Brown offered that they should give the list to Peter Pena.

Ms. Neely said she will be attending the Town Council meeting on November 24th to report on the four groups that have come to the board. She said there is a possibility that the November 24th meeting will be canceled and if so, she will be on the agenda for the first meeting in December. Ms. Stanford offered to go with her and suggested including the meeting regarding an ATV park or trail.

New Business

After a conversation with Ann Mackie, Town Clerk, Ms. Neely said there were two parts that need to be removed from the Application for Support from the Silver City Parks & Recreation Board. Ms. Stanford moved that the sentence "If you are requesting a letter of support, please provide a letter for our review & consideration," and the paragraph beginning "If you want us to pass a resolution..." be deleted from the form. Mr. McIntosh seconded and it was passed unanimously.

Ms. Neely used her laptop computer to show photographs of the ATV damage to the town property around Scott Park. Consideration was given to the recommendation of using Trails and Open Space funds to secure the area. Mr. McIntosh suggested the discussion be continued at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Neely at 7:35 pm.

Submitted by Luan Mitchell

Approved by Cindy Neely, Chair, on _____2010
