

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board

April 15, 2010

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held in the first floor conference room of the Town's Annex building on Thursday, April 15, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Cindy Neely, Chair.

Members Present

Cindy Neely
Jim McIntosh
Mary Ann Finn
Gail Stanford
Cameron Martin
Jesse Hargrave
Councilor Jamie Thomson, ex officio member

Members Absent

Elizabeth Baxter
Alex Brown, ex officio member

Town Staff Present

Luan Mitchell

Members of the Public Present

Gwen Jones

Approval of March 11, 2010, Minutes

Ms. Neely said there were two minor typos in the minutes and Ms. Mitchell said she would correct them. Ms. Finn moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Martin seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at 5:30 pm.

Public Input

Gwen Jones, past General Coordinator for Penny Park and current advocate, said she has been meeting with Alex Brown since the fire. She feels the rebuild of the park should be done by volunteers, because the original build it was such a good experience for everyone involved. Alex Brown told her they would likely hire a contractor and get the higher amount of money from the insurance company unless commitment was made by enough people to work and provide necessary funds over what the insurance will pay. Ms. Jones said she agreed to recruit volunteers. She will have a booth at the Earth Day celebration at which volunteers can sign up. She thinks when everything is ready to go, it will only take one week to rebuild the park. An informal poll of the board members showed everyone preferring a community build rather than a paid contractor, if enough volunteers are committed. Ms. Stanford suggested Ms. Jones come back to the board after Earth Day to see how much support she is able to get. It was suggested that if a contractor is hired to do the rebuild, maybe the wall mural proposed by Cece Stanford could be done as a community effort. Ms. Jones also mentioned an issue with maintenance of the park. There have not been as many volunteers so there has been more vandalism. The Town had someone who did the park maintenance, but he has been laid off. Ms. Neely said in her last meeting with Alex Brown that he told her the design was being worked on, and that the

engineers will need to start from scratch because the original plans have no details or instructions. It will cost more to engineer something new, but the park will be rebuilt within the year.

Member Reports

Ms. Neely reported on her most recent meeting with Alex Brown. Mr. Brown said that written board recommendations should be sent to him and copied to the mayor. The mayor can then decide if he needs to share them with the Town Council. He also stated that budget hearings start on April 23rd at the Grant County Administration Center and board members were welcome to attend. As a follow up to Shelby Cox of the Silver City Community Garden's request, Mr. Brown said the Town will provide the wood chips needed. She also gave the pool list to Mr. Brown and Peter Pena. Ms. Neely said the skate park company is coming to train town employees on maintenance of the surfaces. She said there is some cracking in the half-dome and it will be tiled. Gila Institute for Tots and Teens gave the arts council \$5,000 for tiling. She went to the Grant County Commissioners' meeting. Tom Trowbridge gave a presentation on Complete Streets. The commission voted to adopt a Spring into Walking and Biking Proclamation and voted April and May as bicycling and walking months. Ms. Finn said she would go with Ms. Neely to her next meeting with Alex Brown.

Ms. Stanford said she will be going to the Fan-C meeting to request redoing and reprinting the trail map brochure.

Mr. Hargrave said that WNMU is going to work on the dog park, re-sod it, put in water troughs, etc. It cannot be called a dog park and will be signed as Cornelli Field.

Mr. McIntosh reported that Shawna McCosh (sp?), a nurse practitioner and aunt to Cyrus (Long?), a young boy who died last year, had contacted him. Cyrus was very fond of Penny Park and she wants to do a mural on one of the walls in Penny Park as a memorial to him. She wants to put it on the adobe wall facing where the dragon used to be. She is also trying to get a bench donated. There might be some conflict with the wall mural Cece Stanford proposed.

Ms. Finn said she had gone to the Open Meetings Act meeting on Wednesday and brought a copy of the guidebook. She mentioned that a rolling quorum can take place if one board member calls or emails another and that continues until a number that meets a quorum is reached, then the law has been violated, depending on the matter of the conversation. There is a focus group meeting next week for people involved with parks and recreation. She passed out an events list for the summer.

Mr. Martin mentioned the Blues Festival and said there are community booths available. He will check on the mural project for the skate park.

Mr. Thomson said that as a councilor it would help him if things he would report to the council about would be general, philosophical stuff, not details.

Old Business

The following items were discussed as a worthy projects list. They will be prioritized at the next meeting.

- connect the San Vicente Trail to the wetlands
- hire a parks and recreation coordinator

- Cece Stanford's tile mural for Penny Park
- rebuild Penny Park
- a kiddy splash park at the swimming pool
- rebuild the tennis courts.

New Business

Adjournment

Ms. Finn moved to table remaining business to the next time and that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Submitted by Luan Mitchell

Approved by Cindy Neely, Chair, on _____ 2010
