

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board

May 12, 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 Wednesday May 12, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Cindy Neely, Chair.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Cameron Martin
Alex Brown, ex officio member

Town Staff Present

Luan Mitchell

Members of the Public Present

Rachel Kucher
Regina Willis
Shauna McCosh

Changes to Agenda

It was agreed to move committee member reports to new business.

Approval of April 15, 2010, Minutes

Three corrections were made to the Minutes. Ms. Stanford moved to approve them as amended. Mr. Hargrave seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Announcements

The next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board will be Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 5:30 pm.

Public Input

Rachel Kucher and Regina Willis of the Grant County Trails Group reported that they have applied for a grant to fund the installation to complete the bridge near the Public Safety Building. Plans to connect the northern and southern portions of the San Vicente Trail are still incomplete as there is a section of land that is owned by the railroad. The Town of Silver City has not had the opportunity to negotiate a sale or an easement. There is a proscribed easement only so no kiosks or signage can be placed there. Part of the path may have to be slightly off the road. Ms.

Stanford requested that the group put a map on the kiosks at Mountain View Road and under the bridge at Highway 90.

Shauna McCosh presented the tile design for a mural she would like to install at Penny Park in memory of her nephew Syrus Long. It was thought that the tile square was too small to stand alone on a wall and a suggestion was made by Ms. Stanford for a memorial wall that would include commemorations of others. Ms. Baxter suggested board members visit Penny Park to see where the best location would be. A group of memorial benches was also recommended.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Neely explained that Alex Brown had requested long and short-term goals from the board for the strategic planning session to be held next Tuesday. As it was too late to add that to the agenda, she noted it could be discussed but not voted on until the next meeting. The worthy projects list was discussed and prioritized as follows:

1. Completion of the San Vicente Trail (connect to wetlands, install bridge)
2. Rebuild tennis courts-in partnership with schools
3. Tile mural project in Penny Park (if Cecelia Stanford is still willing to do)
4. Rebuild Penny Park dragon slide area
5. Kiddie-pool/splash park play area at pool

It was agreed to move the Parks and Recreation Coordinator from the worthy projects to the short-term goals. Mr. McIntosh moved to accept the Worthy Projects list and it was seconded by Ms. Baxter. In discussion Ms. Baxter said she would like to see an indoor recreation center on the list but Ms. Neely suggested that would be more appropriate on the long-term goals list. Ms. Finn moved to amend the list to include shade structures and trees as appropriate in public spaces and parks, seconded by Mr. McIntosh. After more discussion, Ms. Finn withdrew her amendment and the original motion was passed unanimously. Ms. Finn said she would type the list and email it to Alex Brown, with copies to the board.

Ms. Finn presented the first few pages of the parks directory that she had put together. Ms. Baxter said she would pick up a flyer for contact information of local recreation groups. A work meeting was planned for noon on May 27 at the Department of Health. It was agreed that the directory was deemed “out to committee.”

Short-term and long-term goals were discussed per the request from Alex Brown. A Parks and Recreation Coordinator, perhaps joint with Grant County, was mentioned first. Another suggestion was to partner with other organizations regarding childhood obesity programs. Upgrading the parks and renovation of the rec center were added to the list. More discussion on this will be on the agenda for the next meeting, which will be a work session with no scheduled presentations, although any members of the public attending would be welcome to speak during Community Input. Ms. Neely suggested everyone take a look at the Town’s Comprehensive Plan and bring more ideas to the next meeting.

Organization of Parks and Rec documents, letters and procedures was tabled to the next meeting, as was New Business.

Reports

Ms. Stanford said the health council is happy with their trails brochure, but she will work on a new one with references to maps.

Adjournment

Mr. Hargrave moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Ms. Baxter. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Submitted by Luan Mitchell

Approved by Cindy Neely, Chair, on _____2010
