

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Board

August 11, 2010

The regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Board was held in the lower level conference room of the city hall annex on August 11, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Cindy Neely, Chair.

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Jim McIntosh
Elizabeth Baxter
Alex Brown, ex officio member

Town Staff Present

Luan Mitchell

Members of the Public Present

John Crow

Approval of July 14, 2010, Minutes

Jesse Hargrave moved to approve the minutes as written. Mary Ann Finn seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Next meeting: The ordinance creating the board states that it shall meet quarterly and also states it shall meet monthly. This needs to be clarified. The next meeting is Weds. Oct. 13, 2010, in the town hall annex lower level conference room.

Report from Chair

Chair Cindy Neely reported that Liz Baxter's term expires on September 1, 2010. Ms. Baxter has not indicated whether she will seek another term. Ms. Neely's term also expires on September 1, but she will remain on the board until a replacement is appointed.

Ms Neely reported on her meeting with Alex Brown. He told her the ICIP (Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan) has been presented to the Town Council for approval and it includes some things the board had requested. There was some discussion on the ICIP process and how to get the public more involved. Ms. Neely, Mr. Martin and Mr. Hargrave agreed to be on a sub-committee to learn more about the ICIP process and report back to the board. Ms. Neely reported that there are toxins in the soil at Penny Park from the fire so the rebuild is on hold while more testing is done. The insurance will pay

for the clean-up. Grindline, the builders of the skate park, is doing maintenance work at the park and will be training Town personnel to do routine maintenance. Vandalism is worse and the surveillance cameras are being moved to new locations as their view is being obstructed by trees.

Public Input

Mr. John Crow spoke about the toxic materials at Penny Park. He said that arsenic has been found in several samples at various depths in the soil in the park from the fire. He asked what would be the Parks and Recreation Board's recommendation. Ms. Neely explained that the board cannot make a recommendation regarding the soil problem at Penny Park and that the environment department of the state will give the Town a plan for cleanup when testing has been completed.

Luan Mitchell mentioned that the Community Development Department had received an anonymous phone call regarding dog feces on Boston Hill. The caller suggested plastic bags be made available for pickup and trash bins for disposal. Ms. Stanford commented that the trail maps are not being restocked. Ms. Neely suggested the board develop a list of projects and it will be on the next agenda.

Unfinished Business

A Strategic Plan. Mr. Thomson reported that the Town Council is working on the Land Use Code so no meetings have been scheduled for the strategic plan. Mr. Thomson presented some information on rainwater harvesting that had been presented to the Town Council the night before.

B. Election of Officers. As Mary Ann Finn was the only nominee for Chair, Ms Stanford moved that the board elect her by acclamation. Mr. Martin seconded and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Hargrave and Mr. Martin were both nominated for vice-chair, but Mr. Martin asked to withdraw his name and moved to elect Mr. Hargrave as vice-chair by acclamation. Ms. Stanford seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Reports from Members

Mr. Martin commented that there is a lot of trash in Penny Park, including cigarette butts and he suggested ash trays be made available. Ms. Neely explained about the overburdened maintenance crew and suggested talking to Chelsea Beltram, Penny Park Volunteer Coordinator.

Mr. Hargrave brought up the subject of an orientation package for new board members and he and Ms. Neely will work on putting one together.

Ms. Stanford said she had finished her trails list and has distributed to the visitors' center and Gila Hike and Bike.

Mr. Thomson reported that First Friday went very well this month. There is a bicycle fest on October 15th which will include a 100K race and a relay. He suggested the board focus on doing projects that are positive and make us feel good.

Ms. Finn and Ms. Neely both commented on the public pool being kept open through September 3 with “adult lap” being scheduled from 11:45 to 2:00.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00.

Submitted by Luan Mitchell

Approved by Mary Ann Finn, Chair, on _____2010
