

RECREATION AND EVENTS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 7, 2020

Call to Order

Doris called meeting to order at 5:36 pm

Approval of Minutes

Doris had questions about meeting minutes.

“potential to have presentation in person.”

“making sure we use complete apartment complexes.”

“reappointment effective date of Oct 1st”

“substantial was not given”

Robert addressed each question.

Travis motioned, Ashley seconded approval of minutes

Citizen Comments

No citizens comments

Items for individual consideration

- a. Master Plan Update: Robert talked about the Burditt open house scheduled for Tuesday, Nov 10th in the evening. He will have call at end of week to finalize plans. Robert mentioned that he sent the draft document of Master Plan and asked for feedback from committee members. Hoping to obtain more input from residents at open house and farmer’s market. Suggested projects were numbered but don’t necessarily correlate with information collected from surveys. Talked about researching other possible amenities such as skate park, basketball, pickle ball, tennis, possible hiking trail to connect with Houston Parks Board’s White Oak Trail expansion plan, etc. Want to increase awareness of plan and give opportunity for residents to give feedback before open house. Doris recommended that cost of projects are not included on flyers. Ashley asked if survey would only be available online and expressed concerns that some residents may not have the ability to fill out electronic survey. Suggested that paper surveys may be needed. Also voiced concerns over duplication – that some residents may fill out surveys more than once.

- b. Youth Committee Member Application Joshua Rodrigue
Application will be put out to the community after the October 19th council meeting. The person selected will be appointed to serve January to June. Doris asked who would make the selection from the applicants. Josh said that the Committee members would.
Ashley asked how the position was being advertised and suggested an addition to the application asking the applicant to describe how they have used the parks.

Staff briefings

Parks

Robert reported that the shade structure installation at Carol Fox park was completed.

The splash pad is in the manufacturing stage and the installation plan will follow shortly. Ashely asked if the splash pad was open year round. It is not but would possibly consider changing that based on feedback. Clark Henry play structure is in the plan for this year. Robert will get some designs and ask for feedback.

Recreation

Josh: Food trucks at park on Fridays were successful and should add about 1K in revenue. The Farmer's market had the best attendance since February. Next weekend will start having it twice a month. Question about how farmer's market is being advertised. New banners around town and on the new gateway marquees. Will advertise on back of the mayor's newsletter. Ashley suggested advertising on Nextdoor.

Kids Halloween drive-in movie is almost to capacity. The adult Halloween movie will be a classic Dracula movie and some spots are still available.

There are about 12 residents who have expressed interest in Pickle ball. Looking to implement the activity by the end of month at Clark Henry Pavilion. Need to get nets and to lay down lines.

Arbor Day first Friday of November. Looking to get some trees to give away to residents along with information about taking care of the trees. Have a sponsor – hoping to get more sponsors.

Planning to have a day camp during the 2 week Christmas break for 6-11 year olds. Expecting between 15-30 kids. The staff will consist of employees who have worked as lifeguards at the pool and are already CPR certified.

Committee description update - Robert Basford stated that he made changes based on feedback from last meeting, and worked with City Secretary to formulate resolution. Terms of office were updated and put into resolution format for vote.

Future agenda item request

Ashely requested that the discussion for change of location of the Farmer's Market be added to the agenda for next month.

Next Meeting date

Nov 4th – there will be voting equipment in Civic Center, so may have to have the meeting at a park or at the golf course. Robert will send update on location.

James made a comment about the stance of the city of not taking on additional debt to fund projects.

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Nora. Motion seconded by Bridget.