



**Advisory Board Minutes**  
**March 11th, 2008**

Members Present: Bruce Muzzy, Kelly Barth, Kevin Loos, Tom Bracciano and Jana Dobbs

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Ernie Shaw, Mark Hecker, Roger Steinbrock, Paula Craig

Guests: Sherri Edwards; Allen Belot

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- I. Meeting called to order by Chair Muzzy.
- II. Approval of the Feb. 12 minutes on a motion by Loos; Second by Kelly Barth.
- III. Dobbs and Loos were approached by Dick Stuntz regarding Lake Alvamar/Alvamar property and interest in donating the land for expanding walking trails. Shaw and Hecker will contact Mr. Stuntz regarding the donation.
- IV. Sherri Edwards representing Mobil One spoke on the possibility of replacing a ball field light pole with a cell phone tower similar to the tower at Free State – approx. 100-110 ft. tall (ball field light pole is approx. 70 ft. tall). She suggested a location just east of the recreation center where there are a few trees between the center and the ball field. This would be a bird friendly tower construction with outdoor equipment / whisper generator and no A/C. Hecker suggested placing the tower on the east side of the ball field complex (between the complex and apartment complex) due to the ease of accessibility. Ernie mentioned that the Holcom facilities were built in the '70s with Federal grant monies. Revenue generated from the lease of the space could yield \$1,500 per month from Mobil One. Shaw is currently checking on the process for approval of the lease. It will also need to be

approved at the Federal level due to the way the land was originally acquired by the City. Bracciano made a motion that the Board support the concept of the lease as long as it was “bird friendly.” Barth seconded the motion and said she’d provide the bird friendly guidelines set by Kansas Wildlife and Parks and submit them with the minutes. During discussion, Dobbs put forth an amendment to the motion, which was approved by both Bracciano and Barth, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would like to see the money generated from the lease to be earmarked for Parks and Recreation. Bracciano seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

- V. Allen Belot, an independent architect, present his development plans for the University/Quarry Park area. It is 9 ¼ acres of land owned by four different proprietors. Belot’s development is going to be marketed to seniors or older citizens which is similar to the Briarwood division with alley access, shared driveways, small lots with zero maintenance. The current property owned by the City isn’t able to be developed, is hard to get to and doesn’t function or is currently not versatile for park development. Belot would like to donate two parcels for the City to expand the park area to make it about a full acre of land. He would also add in concrete walking trails through the entire area to make the park more useful to the neighborhood and preserve the nature area as much as possible. Belot said he would bear the cost of the sidewalk (concrete) installation. Parks and Recreation would then maintain the trail once completed. The Board saw the project as a win/win situation for Parks and Recreation and Belot’s development. Motion was made in support of Belot’s donation and development of trails within the park by Barth and second by Bracciano. Motion carried 5-0.
  
- VI. CIP 2009-14 – Hecker presented the department’s recommendation for the 2009 Capital Improvement Projects list. He said the CIP list was for any project that costs \$50,000.00 or more. Projects not on the list will not be considered for the calendar year. City Commission has the final approval.
  
- VII. The Hedgehog House sculpture located in South Park has been donated to the City. The artist didn’t want to move the piece. Barth motioned for Parks and Recreation to keep the artwork until it had decayed to the point it needed to be taken down; Loos seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
  
- VIII. Steinbrock reported that the Summer/Fall brochure will be coming out in April. The brochure has articles focusing on obesity issues, exercising and dieting. Steinbrock thanked Muzzy and Dobbs for attending the Friends of the Park reception. He reported overall enrollment was up 5 percent for the

Winter/Spring. Steinbrock also said the activities guide will come out twice a year versus three times a year from now on. He said the marketing division was currently developing collateral materials for the Bill Self/LPRD Youth Scholarship Golf Classic.

IX. Staff Reports

- a. Shaw provided the monthly recreation report , showing that the department is on track to generate revenue for the year; the general fund is what's hurting, he said, but the department was doing ok. He also presented the Eagle Bend report. There were 96 rounds of golf for February and 183 rounds year to date versus 479 in 2007, due to the weather we've been having. During the down times, maintenance is done on the equipment; tree repair, etc. On the Operational side, the exempt employees are working on new golfing packages, junior programs and looking at new cart leases (going green).
- b. Hecker had no specifics to report.

X. Meeting adjourned at 1:10pm. Next meeting April 8, 2008.