

City of Lawrence

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board March 13th, 2007



MEMBERS PRESENT: Sharon Spratt, Kelly Barth, Bill Penny and Bruce Muzzy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Bracciano

STAFF PRESENT: Fred DeVictor, Mark Hecker, Ernie Shaw and Roger Steinbrock

Meeting was called to order by Chair Kelly Barth. Minutes of February 13th meeting were approved with change, (noted by Barth to include and concerns in the section discussing Audubon Society interests about the trail between Burcham and Constant Park for the Kansas River Expression of Soul Sculpture Trail idea), on a motion by Penny 2nd by Spratt.

Concerns of Board—Bill said he had heard that dust from the limestone trail at Greenbelt Park was causing concern with some in the neighborhood. Hecker commented that he was surprised that dust was a factor because it had been to wet to get on to roll but would look into it.

Steinbrock presented a summary of 2006 Friends of the Parks reception that was held at the Depot on May 6 and handed out copies of the program with the numerous contributors.

DeVictor reported that Shaw will be interim director after March 16th.

Shaw reported that the Recreation/Operation Revenue of doing well for 2007 and is above what it was this time in 2006. Shaw also reported that Eagle Bend was down in Revenue over \$40,000 from this time last year due to the bad January and February weather.

Steinbrock reported—the 2007 summer Activities Guide was at the printer and it would be released on April 1 in the Journal-World and summer enrollment would begin the same day.

Hecker reported - Project Updates:

- 1) The steps on the South Park Band Stand are scheduled for replacement this week.
- 2) Clinton Park renovation is on schedule and should be completed by April 15th.
- 3) Burroughs Creek Trail Project – There is a public meeting scheduled for April 4th to get this project started.
- 4) CLSC – work is nearing completion on the warning track.
- 5) Greenbelt Park – Concrete work is beginning on the trail system

DeVictor updated on the Kansas River Expression of Soul Art Trail – Number of concerns from Audubon Society and keeping lines of communication open with the concerns that groups are expressing.

DeVictor reported the PLAY survey is still in the process but was reported from Trenor Architects that they are in the final phase of making calls to get the 400 number of surveys to make the study valid and should have a draft report by the end of the week.

DeVictor reported that John McGrew has sent a letter requesting City to purchase 21 acres of land that adjoins Pat Dawson Billings nature Area for \$13,500 per acre. Board suggested a letter to John thanking him and letting him know that at this time this land would not be a top priority for purchase but could be of interest in the future.

Steinbrock announced the DeVictor retirement reception –March 15th, 4-6pm, Holcom Park Recreation Center

Shaw reminded board about the KCMPRDA Board Appreciation Banquet --March 29th, Leawood, Ks and anyone wishing to attend would need to let him know by March 21st.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:50pm. Next meeting April 10th.