

LAWRENCE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
April 13, 2004

Board members present: Chair Alice Ann Johnston, Vice Chair Sharon Spratt, Tom Bracciano, Richard Konzem and Bill Penny. Staff present: Fred DeVictor, Ernie Shaw, Mark Hecker, Roger Steinbrock, Jimmy Gibbs, Lori Madaus and new Aquatics Assistant Facility Manager Becky Wortman.

The meeting at the Indoor Aquatic Center was brought to order by Chair Johnston. Minutes of the March 9th meeting were approved by Penny, 2nd, by Bracciano.

The summer brochure came out April 4th and 33% of enrollment was completed on line the first week. DeVictor handed out a 1st quarter report for Eagle Bend Golf Course. Rounds played were about the same as 2003 however revenue was up about \$10,600 for the first three months of the year.

Hecker reported his maintenance crews were opening restrooms and turning on water, mowing and preparing to plant flowers in parks. Projects included completion of Holcom Park restrooms, irrigation system on east side of South Park. A staff park clean-up day is planned for April 23rd.

Shaw reported he was working on the 2005 budget, which is due by May 7th. He introduced aquatic staff and new employee Becky Wortman. Jimmy Gibbs reported on meetings with Douglas County Health Department about the cryptosporidium problem last year and discussed the plan of action to educate swimmers this season as well as cooperation with the Douglas County Health Department if anything occurs this summer. Flyers to help educate the public are being distributed.

Steinbrock reported on the progress of the golf course marketing plan and said he should have the 2003 annual report complete for distribution next meeting.

Spratt reported RFP's were being sent out to solicit proposals for the Arts Commission art at 6th and Massachusetts, dubbed the "grassy verge".

DeVictor and Shaw have met with several USD 497 representatives to discuss possible increases in fees for use of school facilities. DeVictor reported he sent a memo explaining the long history of partnership between the City and USD 497 in anticipation of continuing our long-standing relationships of using each others public facilities.

DeVictor reported he and several Sesquicentennial Commission members will meet with the Douglas County Community Foundation to discuss utilizing their services for the Sesquicentennial Plaza fund raising efforts.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10P.M. Next meeting May 11th at Eagle Bend Golf Course Clubhouse.