

City of Lawrence Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

June 12, 2007



MEMBERS PRESENT:	Vice Chair Bruce Muzzy, Sharon Spratt and Bill Penny
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Tom Bracciano, Kelly Barth
STAFF PRESENT:	Mark Hecker, Ernie Shaw, Roger Steinbrock and Marketing Intern Laurel Kupka

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- I. Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Bruce Muzzy.
 - II. Approval of the May 8th minutes on a motion by Bill Penny, 2nd by Sharon Spratt.
 - III. No concerns from Board
 - IV. Shaw reported LPRD had 20 minutes to present at a budget meeting. LPRD approach was who LPRD is and what LPRD does. Shaw handed out the latest Activities Brochure. A major concern for LPRD was equipment purchases, not being able to purchase needed equipment. The average maintenance bill for equipment repair is \$20,000 per month.
 - V. May 24th all members of Play, LPRD, City Commission, School Board, etc. reviewed the public survey. Response was well received. School Superintendent Weseman stressed the issues they need to address. Bonnie Lowe will keep a smaller committee together to PLAY alive during the City's budget crisis. Lowe will also continue to work on private money.
 - VI. Shaw reported Aquatics Manager, Jimmy Gibbs surveyed fees of similar cities. Gibbs is putting together a report to predict what fee increases could do for the budget. Shaw reported is has been a tough year for Eagle Bend Golf Course due to the weather.
 - VII. Steinbrock reported a reception was held for Friends of the Park instead of individual recognition at a City Commission meeting. Steinbrock is also working on a tier process for Friends of the Parks donations and recognition for volunteers. He is also working on finding partnerships that we can work with, example Pepsi.
 - VIII.
 - a. Shaw reported the annual Bill Self/LPRD Youth Scholarship tournament will be June 15, have approximately 15 teams registered. Programs are in full swing.
 - b. Steinbrock introduced Marketing intern Laurel Kupka. She is from Shawnee, Kansas. Majoring in journalism and hopes to attend graduate school to study

film and media. Steinbrock reported year to date enrollment up 13%. Also LPRD is maintaining 40% on line enrollment. He is working on the HELP page to make it as user friendly as possible. Steinbrock is also working on the fall brochure which will focus on trails. Marketing intern, Laurel Kupka is writing a feature story on the recently renovated Clinton Park. Marketing division also working on shelter rental, wedding rental, facility rental and birthday party package brochures.

c. Hecker reported on building maintenance projects. Community Building outside steps repaired and gymnasium floor refinished. Pools were running well. The outdoor pool will be painted when it closes for the season. District #1 is working on DeVictor Park, ag-lime trails, concrete paths and seeding. District #1 is also preparing athletic fields, rain has helped. District #1 Supervisor, Kerry Golden has extensive turf background which helps tremendously on maintaining the YSI and CLSC fields. Clinton Park will have a ribbon cutting June 15, 6PM. Holes 1 & 15 have been repaired at EBGC. Parks are ready for summer events. Steps have been replaced at the gazebo in South Park. Cemeteries are being prepared for Memorial Day. Forestry is working to clear streets for Public Works overlay project. Landscaping has flowers in bloom, lot of watering, weeding, etc. Had a public meeting for the Burroughs Creek project to reveal design plans. Sesquicentennial Point, the road is in, retaining wall up, estimated September completion and dedication for the City's September birthday.

IX. Bill Penny reported Kasold sidewalk was completed, a curb on the street side. There is a narrow island and landscaping areas LPRD will maintain. Bruce Muzzy reported he was asked why all trails do not connect. Hecker reported connectivity is always a goal but not always possible.

a. KRPA board meeting July 21st at the LIAC. Shaw and Gibbs are on the Board. Doug Vance is current Executive Director for KRPA and has members statewide. The 2008 KRPA conference will be in Wichita. The next issue of the KRPA magazine will have a story on Fred DeVictor with a message from former executive director and now Senator, Laura Kelly.

b. Several LPRD staff members visited the new gyms built by the school district. Southwest Jr. High School, West Jr. High School and Central Jr. High School. LPRD hopes to work with the School District to use the gyms which are in high demand for LPRD programs.

X. Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting July 10.