

# City of Lawrence

## Parks & Recreation Advisory Board July 13, 2004 Minutes



MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Alice Ann Johnston, Tom Bracciano, Sharon Spratt, Bill Penny

MEMBERS ABSENT Richard Konzem

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: Doug Vance, KPRA Executive Director

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The meeting at 947 New Hampshire Street was brought to order by Chair Johnston. Minutes of the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.

Doug Vance, who began July 1<sup>st</sup> as Kansas Recreation and Park Association Executive Director, was introduced as a guest to the Board.

Staff reported they have entered into a contract with Landplan Engineering to complete a master plan for the 40 acre greenbelt park east of Langston Hughes Elementary School. The project should begin with public input meetings this fall with the West Lawrence Neighborhood Association.

DeVictor reported the Douglas County Memorial Sculpture at the Depot was dedicated on July 3d with about 500 folks there. Horticulture staff did an excellent job landscaping the circle where the sculpture is located.

Staff indicated they have submitted requests for golf and swimming pool daily fees increases as part of 2005 budget requests.

Steinbrock reported over \$5,100.00 was raised from the Coach Bill Self/LPRD Youth Scholarship Golf Classic held at Eagle Bend Golf Course on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Roger also showed a draft for the fall brochure, which will utilize old photos of Parks and Recreation activities to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of Lawrence. LPRD will have an entry using the circus bandwagon in the Sesquicentennial parade in September.

Shaw reported on program activities, which are doing well but noted the pool use was down considerably due to the June weather. Staff spent a considerable amount of time recently to partner and assist groups for the Chautauqua, July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks, Roger Hill Swim meet and AFA Girls Fast pitch tournament to bring 100+ teams to Lawrence this weekend. DeVictor commended staff for working with these organizations to help make them successful.

Hecker reported on projects including Holcom Park upgrades and South Park. He noted a report on our pesticide use has been forwarded to the City Commission, per their request.

Staff reported on the new "Healthy Swimming" policy developed with the Douglas County Health Department and the closing of the outdoor pool last Saturday due to an incident. DCHD was called and the pool super-chlorinated and reopened on Sunday.

Spratt reported the deadline for the art project at 6<sup>th</sup> and Massachusetts was coming and the committee would meet July 28<sup>th</sup> to begin the selection process.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15P.M. Next meeting August 10th at the Union Pacific Depot.