

City of Lawrence

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board November 9, 2004



MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Alice Ann Johnston, Vice Chair, Sharon Spratt, Tom Bracciano, Richard Konzem

MEMBERS ABSENT Bill Penny

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

PUBLIC PRESENT: LHS student Matt Riley

The meeting at 947 New Hampshire Street called to order by Chair Johnston. LHS student, Matt Riley was welcomed to the Board. Minutes of the September 14th meeting were approved on a motion by Bracciano, 2nd by Konzem.

DeVictor reported a quiet phase of fund raising, led by Chuck Warner, has begun for Sesquicentennial Point. The Friends of Sesquicentennial Point plan to work through the year and begin a public effort early in 2005.

DeVictor and Hecker reported on the first meeting of the joint planning commission and parks and recreation committee to discuss future park planning. DeVictor said it was an opportunity to educate planner of needs, process and awareness of park issues. A wide variety of issues and concepts will be discussed before a report can be finalized. A second meeting is planned for December 2nd.

DeVictor handed out a letter and reported the City Commission acted to deny the Planning Commission recommendations to put a future road west of Folks Road at Peterson Road. Staff thanked Chair Johnston and Vice Chair Spratt for attending Planning Commission and City Commission meetings to voice opposition to the Horizon 2025 proposed amendment.

Bracciano indicated the school district would be assessing school district sports facilities and invited LPRD staff for their involvement on the committee when the time comes.

Shaw reported on recreation division revenue and estimated reaching 97%, or about \$1.3 million, of our revenue projection for the year. The summer months were rainy and not very hot. The main decrease was in revenue from swimming pools. He also reported a new concession contract would give us 19.75% of the gross after sales tax.

DeVictor reported new golf carts and maintenance utility carts have been received for Eagle Bend and a lease is being finalized.

Hecker reported on park projects including minor adjustments of park district boundaries to help equalize work loads; work on South Park including irrigation mains on west side of Massachusetts Street and center renovations; new kitchen at Community Building; water line to dog park and an additional \$10,000 was received from the Rotary Clubs towards the Rotary Arboretum.

Steinbrock reported about increased efforts to market the "Wee Folks" scholarship fund and that the winter/spring activity guide would be available beginning December 5th. The 2nd annual Coach Bill Self golf tournament for our scholarship fund will be June 17th, 2005 at Eagle Bend Golf Course.

Shaw reported a recreation staff retreat would be held November 15th and a department supervisors retreat to discuss future capital improvement needs on November 18th.

Dates for meeting for public input on the 40 acre greenbelt park near Langston Hughes Elementary School would be at 7P.M., November 22nd and December 13th at the school.

DeVictor congratulated Jo Ellis for her election to the Kansas Recreation and Park Association Board of Directors. She will take office in January at the KRPA annual conference.

Meeting adjourned at 1:10P.M. Next meeting December 14th, 2004 at 947 New Hampshire Street.