

PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

ZOOM MEETING MINUTES –July 22, 2020

PRESENT: Jake Chesnutt, Betty Sonneveldt, Kristen Weaver, Lola Skolnik, Ric Gordon, Lance Beasley, Marc Siegel, Les Whitmer

Staff: Greg Varda, Recreation Director; Joe McNeal, Assistant Recreation Director; Cathryn Pracht, Administrative Coordinator.

Excused: Michael Lee, Mayor Pro Tem Emmitt Jordan

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm by Chair, Jake Chesnutt

June minutes were approved.

New Business:

City Council Referral-Juneteenth 2021

PRAB supports the referral and offers their assistance as needed

Recognition Group –Greenbelt Unplugged Grant Review

Greenbelt Unplugged is requesting a grant for an Unchoir event outdoors. Recreation supports Unplugged and will require the submission of a safety plan for this activity as well as approval from the City Manager and City Council. PRAB expressed concerns regarding the risk of this event related to the spread of the Coronavirus. A recommendation from PRAB will include a written request that Unplugged follow appropriate protocols regarding Covid-19.

Recognition Group-Greenbelt Youth Baseball

Greenbelt Youth Baseball is putting together a safety plan in hopes of a Fall league. PRAB would like to meet with GYBLL regarding application.

Recreation Department Update

Facilities and Parks/Reopening Plan:-Parks are open with requirement that masks must be worn. We have had a lot of traffic through the parks. The dog park still remains closed, with management being taken over by the Greenbelt Police Department. The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center will reopen soon. The GAFC reopening will be limited to lap swimming and water walking. Online reservations will be required to participate.

Recreation and Public Works are preparing for reopening; all of our facilities have been equipped with personal protection equipment as well as doorbells.

Programs & Events

Recreation in conjunction with the Old Greenbelt Theatre will be hosting family movie nights beginning August 1st. Movies will be held on Fridays on Braden Field. Social Distancing and masks will be required. Concessions will be available for sale at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. No more than 100 people will be permitted to attend.

We are preparing for fall classes. Classes will be held virtually, outdoors, indoors and live streamed.

The next ZOOM meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2020 at 7:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cathryn Pracht,
Administrative Coordinator