

Park and Recreation Advisory Board
Monthly Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2011

Present: Paul Sabol, Kelly Ivy, Marc Siegel, Lester Whitmer, Betty Sonneveldt, and Lola Skolnik,
Staff: Julie McHale, Co-Acting Director
Excused: Ken Blue, Jacob Fletcher
Absent: Kahli Brannigan, Christopher Husker, Jay Shay, John Winfrey

- The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM by Lola Skolnik. Lola will not be here for the February 16th Meeting. Betty Sonneveldt will chair
- December 15, 2010 minutes approved 6-0. The motion was made by Kelly Ivy and seconded by Paul Sabol.
- Lola noted that once again the new member was not present. Julie said that she sent all of the information out to Kahli but will double check with City clerk to make sure we have the correct information.
- Contribution Group Application.
 - ✓ Betty noted that under “Income”, *Fundraising* need to be added to the actual form on page 5 of the current application.
 - ✓ Betty also noted that staff was notified of this ‘typo’ and was asked to correct it
 - ✓ Kelly noted that volunteer Background Check information also needs to be added to the 2012 Application
 - ✓ Marc said that with the background check, we should follow what the Recreation Department does.
 - ✓ Julie said that Council questioned why the Recognition Groups were not included in the recommendation from PRAB
 - ✓ It was PRAB’s intention to also recommend the background checks for those Recognition Groups who are working with children. According to the group, their sense was that the discussion was about both Recognition **and** Contribution Groups working with children – not, specifically Contribution Groups
 - ✓ Lola will write a memo to Council stating that PRAB’s recommendation is background checks include Recognition Groups
 - ✓ Betty pulled the minutes (10-20-10) and the “Proposed Volunteer Background Checks CAR # 25-2009” that Marc Siegel wrote making the recommendation for background checks and it states that PRAB will support the recommendation written by staff
 - ✓ It was noted that Joe wrote the report mentioned above (CAR #25-2009)
 - ✓ Julie will try and reserve a room for Monday February 7th to hold will be the Orientation at 7:30pm
 - ✓ Julie stated that the applications from the groups will be due by February 25
 - ✓ PRAB will meet twice in March with certain organizations to go over their application.
 - ✓ March 16th, PRAB will decide which groups we want to review.
 - ✓ March 30th will be the night groups need to meet at 7:30p.m with PRAB. Each group will have twenty minutes.
 - ✓ Group voted 6-0 on keeping the Grant Impact Survey in the Contribution Group Application.
 - ✓ PRAB wants to know who is going to pay for background checks. Joe McNeal stated that the Recreation Department would pick up the cost but Betty Sonneveldt stated that the News Review quoted differently and said the cost would come back to the

individual groups. Julie will find the correct answer on who will be responsible for picking up the cost of these background checks.

- Greenbelt Soccer Alliance Application
 - ✓ PRAB wanted to know the position of the Greenbelt Soccer Alliance application
 - ✓ Julie said that the application went to Council with the recommendation from PRAB, however, Council wanted to know more from staff about the impact IF this group was given the Recognition Group status
 - ✓ PRAB had questions about Council's position and Julie stated that staff is working on a report to City Manager which provides the impact on field usage, staff time, and also the precedent that was being
 - ✓ Kelly Ivy mentioned that the fields looked empty to him and he didn't understand the issue
- Greenbelt Middle School Task Force Update- Julie mentioned that she received a phone call from Ken Blue (who is PRAB's liaison for GMSTF) and he wants to know PRAB's thoughts on the middle school so he can bring them forward to the committee
 - ✓ Betty said the gym at the Greenbelt Middle School is great. Betty suggested a possibility for volleyball, indoor soccer, basketball and the need for *general* gym space
 - ✓ Betty suggested possible meeting room space at Greenbelt Middle School.
 - ✓ Lola recalled the soccer field uses and suggested keeping field space.
 - ✓ Arts programming with the stage for the Greenbelt Middle School is another idea.
 - ✓ Lola brought up possible need for equipment storage spaces
 - ✓ Julie stated that equipment storage is a rare commodity and not necessarily something the City wanted to get into
 - ✓ PRAB will be fine with whatever survey GMSTF uses and was not interested in developing their own
 - ✓ Cooking classes were brought up by Betty
 - ✓ Betty suggested fees to use the building which would pay for staffing the Greenbelt Middle School
 - ✓ Julie said that she will pass this information for to Ken Blue who will then take it to the GMSTF
- PRAB Secretary
 - ✓ Lola asked for recommendations of secretary and no one stepped forward. Lola then said we would have to take turns
 - ✓ Julie volunteered to take notes for this particular meeting
- It was noted that Betty will be running the next meeting on 2/16 while Lola is in Mexico.
- The meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m

Respectfully submitted 2/24/2011

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