

**Park and Recreation Advisory Board  
Monthly Meeting Minutes – February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Present: Rachel McMullin, Paul Sabol, Ken Blue, Betty Sonneveldt, Kelly Ivy and Student representative Jacob (Boomer) Fletcher  
Staff: Joe McNeal, Co-Acting Director and Julie McHale, Co-Acting Director  
Excused: Lola Skolnik, Chris Husker, Jay Shah, John Winfrey and Marc Siegal  
Absent: Melissa Hines-Rodriguez  
Guest: Bill Orleans  
Council: Konrad Herling was not present

As there was not a quorum, no official votes could be taken, but the meeting proceeded according to the agenda for the proposed items except for Konrad Herling's update as Councilman Herling was not present.

- Joe McNeal reported on Contribution Group update and review schedule
  - ✓ Betty Sonneveldt reported that Bob Sonneveldt, who represented Greenbelt Babe Ruth at the meeting, commented that it was really great to have all of the organizations in one room at the same time and that it was very beneficial to be able to see the faces representing each group.
  - ✓ Joe reported that the meeting lasted about an hour and that he, Julie and Andrew Phelan were present. The Greenbelt Foundation was present to offer assistance to the groups.
  - ✓ Joe said that the Recreation Department will review applications before they get to PRAB
- Rachel, conducting the meeting in Lola's absence addressed the Council work session with PRAB date
  - ✓ Rachel gave the three proposed dates: March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00pm, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm and March 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm.
  - ✓ Rachel stated that this meeting should not take too long.
  - ✓ Discussion resulted as each PRAB member was questioned as to his or her availability and preference. It was proposed that Rachel would send out an email with the proposed dates to the absent PRAB members to determine the best choice. Rachel agreed.
  - ✓ Possible schedules and procedures were discussed for PRAB review of Contribution Group Applications.
- Ken Blue presented a swim flow chart to PRAB that he created to illustrate how the application process works.
  - ✓ The chart is a power point and Joe McNeal has it, so it can be utilized at any time.
- A discussion of how groups might get volunteers from the high schools to assist groups and earn the required volunteer hours required for graduation.
  - ✓ Ken said he would call Eleanor Roosevelt High School to inquire how to recruit and what is allowed.

- ✓ Betty said she would try to get the list from the school system that has allowable volunteer opportunities
  - ✓ All agreed that it is much more difficult for organizations to be eligible to satisfy volunteer hours.
  - ✓ Boomer reported his difficulty getting the school to accept his hours for putting wreaths on gravesites at Arlington National Cemetery.
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- Joe McNeal made the announcement that Ron Culpepper of the Greenbelt Concert Band had passed away
  - Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm