

PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

4:30 p.m., Snack Bar, Bunker Hill Golf Course

PRESENT: Bob Blocker, Paul Hoffmann, Evelyn Nadeau, Mark Noble and David Schlueter

ABSENT: Tom Blocklinger and Karen Lyness

OTHERS: Staff present: Marie Ware, Pat Prevenas, Bob Fritsch and Eileen Trimble

MINUTES APPROVED;
VOTE: It was moved by Blocker, seconded by Nadeau, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2011, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

DATE CHANGE FOR APRIL MEETING: Commissioners were reminded that the **April** meeting had been **changed** to Tuesday, **April 5th** to avoid conflict with City Expo.

APPROVE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR MILLER RIVER PARK AFTER CHANGES BY LEGAL DEPT; VOTE: Leisure Services Manager Marie Ware explained to commissioners that after they had approved the agreement at February meeting, it was discovered that the agreement had not been sent to Legal Department for review. Even though the agreement has the same substance, the agreement was changed to a more legal format and made consistent with other agreements of the same type.

It was moved by Nadeau, seconded by Blocker, to approve the Management Agreement for Miller Riverview Park with Ken Clayton. The motion passed unanimously.

INTRODUCE NEW FT RECREATION PROGRAM SUPERVISOR: Recreation Division Manager Pat Prevenas introduced Anthony (Tony) Elskamp as the new full time program supervisor that replaced Molly Weis who retired at the end of January 2010. Tony is a Potosi native. He has worked in sports management, therapeutic recreation and urban centers.

DISCUSS SKI CLUB LEASE: Some commissioners expressed concerns about the care and appearance of the ski club. They requested information about whether the ski club put on any events or shows that benefit the city. They questioned if the club should pay market value for the lease. **Commissioners requested that staff contact the club and ask for a couple representatives to come to the April meeting and explain what they do for the city and for their lease, before the commission votes on renewing the lease.**

APPROVE GOLF COURSE MENU PRICES; VOTE: Recreation Division Manager Pat Prevenas told commissioners that a few menu prices were raised in 2010. This season staff is proposing that most appetizers and baskets and beer rates be increased .25 to .50. No increase in soft drink prices is proposed since we are in the fifth year of a five-year contract.

It was moved by Schlueter, seconded by Hoffmann, to approve golf course snack bar menu prices for 2011 as proposed by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

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APPROVE MENU
PRICES FOR
McALEECE
CONCESSION
STAND; VOTE:

Manager Prevenas told commissioners that not many prices had changed since 2008. Staff is proposing an increase for beer items and a few food items. The city has seen an increase in revenue since taking over the operation in 2005.

It was moved by Nadeau, seconded by Hoffmann, to approve menu prices for 2011 for the McAleece concession stand as proposed by staff. The motion passed unanimously.

MANAGER
REPORT:

Bee Branch update: Many meetings are being held regarding looking for grant opportunities related to the project; a recent LAWCON grant submission for outdoor amphitheater area; notices have gone out in water bills offering the opportunity to sponsor benches, trees et cetera for the project to help offset some of the costs and also possible naming rights for certain sections of the project, for a fee. Leisure Services Manager and Park Division Manager are involved in meetings with landscape architect, design firm and Engineering Department on all aspects of the linear park development.

Manager Ware has met with the City Manager and others regarding the maintenance facility, trailhead and parking spaces needed for trailhead, equipment list for maintenance et cetera. If there is any contingency money left, that could be used toward the building and trailhead.

Budget: Manager Ware shared budget requests the Council is reviewing per the City Manager's recommendation. Department improvement level requests for adding one Horticulturist and continuing the thirty-hour per week site supervisor at MCFC are recommended. The C.I.P. budget had changes from the budget previously reviewed by the Commission.

Firearms in parks: Manager Ware told commissioners that she had a conversation with the Sheriff and Police Chief. Parks are considered weapon free zones with exceptions. Chief Dalsing said there are several pieces of legislation pending at state level now that could change and clarify the law. The Police Department will review the law after the legislation is final and then decide if any changes need to be made locally to clarify. *It was the general consensus of the commission to wait until legislation is final before doing anything with local policies.*

PARK DIVISION
REPORT:

Park Division Manager Bob Fritsch informed commissioners:

◆ There is a large green space on 5th Street side of McGraw Hill that is slated as an urban park as part of America's River II Project. Planning will happen in the future for the south port area and Chaplain Schmitt Island (\$100,000 in FY 2012 CIP budget). ◆ Manager Fritsch has applied for IDOT Urban Youth Corps Grant which would allow us to work with three 16 to 21 and help them

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with employment training and skills. The youth would work on the Highway 20 roses, build handicap accessible picnic tables and help construct concrete pads in parks to put the handicap accessible tables onto. Part of the grant provides uniform, steel-toe boots et cetera for workers. The grant requires a 70-30% match and the savings from retired foreman position gave us the money required for the match amount. ♦ Park Division Manager office has now officially been moved to old park office; telephone number remains the same.

RECREATION
DIVISION
REPORT:

Recreation Division Manager Pat Prevenas informed commissioners:

- ♦ after school basketball program interschool meets involving thirteen schools are going on now; ♦ 20 teams registered for post-season basketball tournament; ♦ Alumni basketball tournaments for men are all full; no women registered; ♦ summer brochures will be given out at City Expo on Tuesday evening, April 12th; ♦ softball registration deadline is tomorrow; ♦ golf course could open in a couple weeks – opened March 17th the last two years;
- ♦ new class offered at Allison-Henderson – Fitness Transformation that runs five nights per week for five weeks for \$200; it is a personal trainer working with participants and 20% of revenue comes to our department.

ADJOURN;
VOTE:

It was moved by Nadeau, seconded by Blocker, that the meeting be adjourned at 5:25 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark S. Noll
Chairperson

Pat Prevenas
Attest