

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Board Minutes

January 28, 2014
6:00pm

Present: Frank Schmidt, Jane Birdwell, Mike Kelly, Sherrie Morrow, Lori Cordell, Glen Garrett

Absent: Roger Lancina

Staff Present: Amy Mitchell and Tim Ellis

Other: Mayor John Coombs

Frank Schmidt, Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
Quorum was established.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair: Motion was made by Lori Cordell for Frank Schmidt for Chair, second by Jane Birdwell. Motion was made for Sherrie Morrow for Vice-Chair by Lori Cordell, second by Frank Schmidt.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 2013 meeting by Lori Cordell and second by Frank Schmidt. A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 2013 meeting by Lori Cordell and second by Jane Birdwell.

Parks Director Report

Amy Mitchell gave a brief report of special events and project status from November to January.

Agenda Items:

Old Business

- a. LPRF Grant –Amy Mitchell advised the board that K&J Associates was being awarded the bid for the Delmas Long Community Center improvements that include HVAC for the gym, retrofitting offices into a fitness room, an HVAC for the fitness room, and roof repairs.
- b. Splash Pad – Frank Schmidt advised the board that plans for the splash pad were on hold until a location and cost could be determined. He suggested that meetings with large corporations within Goodlettsville may be beneficial to obtaining interest in financial support. Mayor Coombs suggested a rendering of what the splash pad could look like may help obtain support. There was further discussion involving what to do with Peay Park. Parks Director Amy Mitchell suggested it as a site for an amphitheatre and the idea was accepted as a possibility from the board. John Coombs suggested that the area could be used for Movies in the Park, Jane Birdwell suggested that we may want to explore the opportunities that allowing beer to be sold would create, like the Bluegrass Festival in Madison. Glen Garrett expressed a concern over the amount of traffic this would produce. The board came to a consensus that this was an idea to pursue.
- c. Playgrounds – Amy Mitchell advised the board that the playground at Brooks Park had just been installed.

New Business

- a. Mayor's Top Teen – Amy Mitchell advised the board about the Mayor's Top Teen program and named the members of the selection committee including the Parks Board Chair, Parks Director, Parks Program Coordinator, Teen Advisory Committee President, and three members of the business community.
- b. Macy's Partnership – Amy Mitchell advised the board that Moss-Wright Park had been selected by the RiverGate Mall Macy's as part of its nationwide campaign for community parks.

Comments from Board Members

Sherrie Morrow asked about the Master Gardener Programs at Mansker's Station. Amy Mitchell told her that there was a great partnership bringing six educational programs to the site starting on April 12 and continuing through September. Sherrie Morrow then asked how people find out about programs. Amy Mitchell said that it

was difficult to market things, but the department used social media and email blasts as its main way of informing the community, as well as the city website, newspapers, banners, and the Nashville Parent magazine. Glen Garrett asked who was responsible in pushing the City App and was advised that was the job of the PIO. He stated that more should be pushed on the app. Tim Ellis advised that a Handguns in Parks bill had passed the Senate judiciary committee that would permit guns and take away local control. Mayor Coombs told the board that the key to advisory boards were the ideas that were brought to the table.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Amy Mitchell, Recording Secretary

Frank Schmidt, Chairman