

**MINUTES
IRVING PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2008
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kimberly Zahorik
Chuck Kirk
Ed Bowers
Helen Chaplin
Larry Stipes
Marcy Brown-Marsden

IPAR STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Michalski
Doug Wilson
Gene Moulden
Dwight Pinnix
Gayle Averitt
Becky Dietz
Walter Ritchie

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Matt Davis
Karen Harmon
Melissa Davis

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Allan Meagher

Item 1 – Approval of Minutes

Ed Bowers made a motion to approve the minutes. Marcy Brown-Marsden 2nd the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 – Council Action Report

Allan Meagher advised that everything went smooth with the Parks and Recreation items at the last City Council Meeting. Chris Michalski advised that the City has purchased the parcel of land for the West Irving Aquatic Center.

Item 3 – Chairperson Report

No report this month.

Item 4– Information Items

A. Power Point Presentation on Vector Control

Walter Ritchie made a power point presentation and updated the board members of the Vector Control efforts this season. To date, we have set traps weekly, sent specimens to the state for testing and have logged 62 calls to the hotline. In addition, we have sprayed 12 different times and have confirmed two human cases of West Nile Encephalitis in Irving residents and two positive trap pools of West Nile Virus. Walter answered questions from board members.

B. Update on Cimarron Aquatic Center

Walter Ritchie updated the board members with a power point presentation on the newly opened Cimarron Family Aquatic Center.

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Overall, 46, 371 persons came through the doors this season. Approximately 15,260 were daily youth admissions, 11,341 were daily adult admissions, and 82 were non-resident daily admissions. Pass sales were as follows: 185 family, 47 adult, and 94 youth passes.

In addition, concession sales were \$20,473.50 which reflects 18.5% of the total revenue at the facility.

The total revenue for the season was \$109,174.45. This operation was open 93 days and had only two full day closures related to weather.

Walter answered questions from board members.

C. Director's Report

(1) Lively Pointe Grand Opening and Dedication

Chris Michalski reminded board members of the Lively Pointe Dedication on 9/9/08 with tours of the facility beginning at 6:30 p.m. and program at 7 p.m.

(2) Upcoming Special Events

(a) Bio Blitz

Chris Michalski mentioned the upcoming Bio-Blitz on 9/20/08. Board member Marcy Brown-Marsden is working with Dwight Pinnix and staff in coordinating this new event.

(b) Main Street Event

Chris Michalski spoke to the board regarding the Main Street Event being held on 9/27/08 which is entitled 2008 Music and Magic on Main St. This new event is an effort to try and revitalize the development to the Heritage District of downtown Irving. This event will run from 3 to 8 p.m. and will include a car show, music and magic. This event will also host artists, children's activities, food, etc.

(3) Name the Park Committee

Chris Michalski reviewed with board members the request that we have received from the Irving Heritage Society to name Northgate Park that is in the development stages, Washington Irving Park.

(4) City Reorganization

(a) KIB Alignment

Chris Michalski advised the board members that Keep Irving Beautiful has been re-assigned to the Parks and Recreation Department. These meetings are held on the last Wednesday of the month during the day.

(b) Museum Responsibilities

Chris Michalski advised the board of the two active Museums in the City of Irving. One is the Bear Creek Museum in the Jackie Townsell District and the other is the Mustang Museum located on the bottom floor of Williams Square in Las Colinas. The Parks Department will be assigning employees to work the museum when the regular part time person is on vacation. At this time, if the part employee is out, the museum is closed. Staffing at these locations are paid from museum funds.

(5) Wyche

Chris Michalski attended the Barton Estates Homeowner's Association meeting and advised them that he was unsure as to whether the city was going to continue to replace the playground once again from the vandalism. Chris advised board members that he sent a recommendation to the City Manager's Office stating that based on the fact that the city has replaced the playground twice due to vandalism, he was recommending that the playground unit not be replaced.

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D. Athletic/Aquatic Activities Update

Report in packet. Doug Wilson introduced himself to board members. Doug is the Athletic Supervisor and will be attending some of the Park Board meetings to give his report. Doug answered questions from board members regarding athletic items.

E. Recreation Activities Update

Dwight Pinnix updated the board of upcoming events including the Bio-Blitz on September 20, 2008. There are currently 100 kids registered for this event. Dwight also mentioned the Lively Pointe Grand Opening on September 9, 2008 and the Main Street Event on September 27, 2008 in the downtown Heritage District.

F. Current Projects Update

Gene Moulden updated the board on current projects including the award of the Dog Park project at the September 4th Council Meeting. Gene also mentioned that the groundbreaking is expected to be in early October.

Item 5 – Committee Reports

Board member, Kimberly Zahorik mentioned that the Fall registration at Mustang Recreation Center was very busy.

Item 6 – Future Agenda Items/Open Discussion

Skate Park

Recommendation for Recreational water illnesses.

Item 7 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.