



Advisory Board Meeting Minutes May 12, 2016

Board Members Present: Linore Wallace, Dave Ellerstein, Rudy Stanford, Tricia Clarke, MK King

Board Members Absent: Phoebe Stoner, Jim Clouse

Staff in Attendance: Steve Ashworth, Megan LaTorre, Andrew Fleck, Jill Russell, Jim Stanford

Public in Attendance:

Call to Order

1. Linore called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm
2. Approval of the April Minutes
3. New Staff Introductions
4. Public Correspondence
5. Volunteer Opportunities
6. Citizen Input
7. Action Items

7a. Recreation Center Fee Schedule Adoption

Jill talked about the changes proposed over the past few months. Phoebe clarified the gym fees and that the gyms in question were the Rec Center and DJES. Dave asked why the fees are so much lower this year. In the past it was based on the number of participants, and their participation numbers dropped. MK wanted to see how comfortable Phoebe was with the changes. Also wanted to inquire if the teams were aware of the changes and if they had responded. New fee structure has value and puts some of the pressure back on the club to organization and plan better. Dave moved per Jill's recommended motion. Rudy seconded.

MK's discussion was centered on communication to the users. She is very concerned about the communication to the clubs. Wants to make sure there is formal notice given to the specific organizations. The gym fees wouldn't come into place into the winter (at least 6 months' notice), and swim clubs meets wouldn't happen until the school year begins, so there would be plenty of notice. Phoebe is very comfortable with this whole concept and creates more accountability. MK would rather look into slow incremental increases rather than a huge increase every 10 years or so. Wants to board to be informed how things can be done more gradually.

Phoebe called for a vote, all in favor. Steve mentioned that the board focusing on fee policy and increases is a good thing to plan for. Dave suggested that it's something they review once a year and make determinations.

8. Informative/Discussion Items

8a. Youth Afterschool Program Update

Andy had presented afterschool survey results in fall – and relayed the need for more consistent AS care, more options, more concise programming, consolidated staff training program. The task force decided to step back a bit due to the changes with the TCSD. In the upcoming year, they want to focus on increasing capacities across all afterschool programs. The JHHS is emphasizing their school to careers program – just adding 8 high students can increase capacity by 80 kids.

Rec District request is approximately \$40K for Americorps volunteers.

8b. Winter Grooming Survey Data

Results of the survey data were distributed to the board. Our goal is to identify the trends and how we interpret the data, and where can we make changes. In a quick once over, there were some definite trends that arose. The primary goal is TRANSPORTATION (schools, downtown, pathways) – recreation should be second. For example, the Indian Trails pathway (from schools to TSS) is heavily used for commuting to/from school/work, but there are a small number of people who want to ski. We want to meet the greatest number of people's needs.

Additionally, when it comes to recreation, the focus was on creating hubs of areas to recreate. The intent isn't to add expense, but to best utilize our efforts in the future.

8c. Wilson Development

We emailed the latest draft for the board opinion, with the goal of getting on the agenda in June for adoption. Steve went over the changes since the last time we reviewed it. David asked about the parking along the access road, at this point there are no restrictions on that road side parking. Phoebe asked about trailers in the parking lot. Steve said that lot is intended for passengers only. Phoebe asked if we planned on putting the hardened surface at Wilson like at SP. It would also help to define the ramp vs picnic area.

Jim Stanford mentioned he thinks the flow is backward. Also thinks that the trailer parking in the low lands is a must. The parking is direction from the BCC. If we find we need to expand and further mitigate the wetlands. Phoebe asked about when we should push for another pull out and where do you add that. Steve this we should think about that now and 'plan' for it. We will plan a site walk through towards the end of May.

9. Comments/Matter from the Director

9a. BLM Land Transfer Update

Steve said this is an ever evolving process. He and Sean O'Malley are working with Bugsby for a real estate transfer of the remaining BLM parcels. Received feedback from Enzi's office to transfer the parcels per the RPP Act. We were working on this. Over the course of the last couple weeks, the congressional offices have had a change in direction. Wants to go back to the legislative action and emphasize maximizing public value. Most likely talking to senators in early June (Steve and Sean to DC).

9b. Budget Update

The budget is moving ahead, with the park shop as well as 21 units of housing on top of the shop.

10. Comments/Matters from the Board

At 6:35 pm, Dave moved to adjourn. Rudy seconded. May Board Meeting Adjourned.