

RIVERSIDE PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2006

The Riverside Park Board held their regularly scheduled meeting at the Riverside City Hall in Riverside, Missouri, on Tuesday, February 7, 2006. Chairman Jim Frakes called the meeting to order. Those present were: Jim Frakes, Lori Rardeen, Julie Rule, Ron Carlson, Sara Thatcher, Jerry Hackenberg, and Kathy Rose. Alderman Rochelle Legaard and Brent Miles entered the meeting at a later time. David Blackburn was absent. Jane Henry, Administration Assistant, and Howard Prost, Artistic Director for Fair Base Productions, were also present.

Board member Jerry Hackenberg requested a 6-month leave of absence from the board for personal reasons. The board agreed but asked that he be available in case he was needed for a quorum vote. Hackenberg then left the meeting.

The minutes of December 6, 2005, were approved as presented.

New Business

Lori Rardeen told the board about plans for Children's Theatre this summer in E.H. Young Park. Performances are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, July 14 and 15. In case of rain, the performances will be held in the Community Center. Auditions will be held on May 21 from 1:30-4:30 at the Community Center. Rehearsals will be 3 days a week, Mon., Tues., and Thurs., for 5 weeks beginning the second week of June, from 3:00 – 7:30 p.m.

There are several Platte County organizations involved: Fair Based Productions, Park University, Park Hill High School and Park Hill South. Platte County Arts Council is sponsoring the event. Artistic Director Howard Prost attended the board meeting to answer questions.

Kathy Rose made a motion to approve the Children's Theatre plans. Ron Carlson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Rardeen announced her new classes and said that 23 city employees participated in the recent health fair. She also told the board that KC 50+ Seniors Softball League has asked to use E H Young Park for their annual all star game tournament and picnic on Saturday, July 22. This is the league's 17th year in the Kansas City area. They want to rent 2 small shelters and 1 large shelter. A crowd of 250 people is anticipated and some of the players will stay at Super 8 Motel. Some board members questioned the ability of the players to complete a tournament during daylight hours. Rardeen said games will be limited to 1 hour each.

Rule suggested an overall rule for ball teams. Rardeen will talk to the league representatives about where they played last year and what the fees were in an attempt to charge a fair and equitable rent for the park. Chairman Frakes made a motion to approve the Seniors' request. Carlson seconded. The motion passed.

Brent Miles, Director of Community Planning and Development, entered the meeting to make a presentation on trails. Miles explained that it had been difficult for the county to obtain easements for the riverfront levee trail. Pursell has offered his property along Hwy. 9 for use as a temporary trail hub. He will construct a parking lot for trail users and will landscape the area.

Miles reported on the grant application for the Line Creek Trail. He thanked Julie Rule and Kathy Rose for their help putting the application together. The application will be reviewed by the Platte County Parks Board on February 14. The City should know about final approval around the first of March. Miles showed slides of the landscaping planned for the trail; i.e., wildflowers, prairie grass, native grass, and a few oaks.

Miles also said the City had received the final bids for the skate pad at the skate board park. Low bid was \$34,000.

At this point, Jane Henry and Brent Miles left to attend the Board of Aldermen regular session. Kathy Rose took the minutes for the remainder of the meeting.

Lori Rardeen submitted information on the baseball field at E.H. Young Riverfront Park to bring it up to a better level of standardization. Items 1 thru 7 were discussed.

Kathy Rose stated she would check with Brent Miles to make sure there was money available in the park maintenance budget to have these upgrades completed.

Item 2 regarding the back stop needed to have more information brought to the board to determine the best way to proceed.

Jim Frakes made a motion to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that items 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 be completed; seconded by Sara Thatcher; all voted aye; motion carries.

Lori Rardeen reported that the Community Easter Egg Hunt would be held on Saturday, April 15th, 2006.

Julie Rule stated that the Tony Hawk grant was due by 2/28/06.

Kathy Rose stated that a special meeting would need to be held to work on budgetary items for the 2006-2007 year. Lori Rardeen was asked to gather information on the spray park and on making the bathroom at E.H. Young available to the public year round. This will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

Next meeting was set for Tuesday, March 7, 2006, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. was made by Ron Carlson; seconded by Julie Rule; all voted aye; motion carries.