

## **RIVERSIDE PARK BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 2, 2008

6:00 p.m.

The Riverside Park Board held their regularly scheduled meeting at the Riverside Board of Aldermen Chambers, Riverside City Hall 2950 NW Vivion Road, Riverside Missouri 64150, on Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Those in attendance were: Julie Rule, Ron Carlson, Norma Parrot, Deborah Leader, Lori Rardeen, Cathy Mousel, Mike Fuller, Mayor Kathy Rose, Mike Duffy, Director of Planning and Community Development, Jeff Rupp, Director of Public Works and Sarah Wagner, Administrative Clerk. Not in attendance were: Jim Frakes

Approval of minutes from  
March 5, 2008

Ron Carlson made a motion to approve the minutes of March 5, 2008.

Julie Rule seconded and the motion passed.

First Baptist Church  
Northern Heights

Ryan Miller from the First Baptist Church of Northern Heights addressed the Board and explained that he would like to use the community center to hold a fund raiser to raise money for the Solid Rock Baptist Camp for children. The money they raise will go to subsidize the cost of the camp. No child is ever turned away because they do not have the money to attend. The church would like to use the Community Center on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to hold a dinner and concert.

Lori Rardeen, Program Director at the community center explained that they do not normally allow rentals on Fridays, but is willing to make an exception in this case. She also explained that they would need a staff member on duty during the event and the cost for that is \$25 an hour.

Norma Parrot asked what time the community center would be rented.

Miller said that they would like it from 6pm to 10pm. He explained that it would be a very family friendly atmosphere. The band that will be performing is made up of members of the church and they play classic rock, country and gospel music. They plan to Bar-B-Q and bring in their own food for the dinner.

Alderman Mike Fuller asked what the admission charge would be for this event.

Miller replied that there would be no charge for the event. The church would only be asking for donations for the camp.

Rardeen explained that in the past there have been eight groups that the fees have been waved for events at the community center and the parks. The usual fee is \$500 for non-resident and \$200 for a resident. However, it has been discussed that in the future the tourism tax will be used for this type of situation.

Rule said that in the past the Park Board had set the criteria to be that an event must raise more than \$500 and/or provide free entertainment for the residents to be eligible to have the fees waved. She asked Miller how much the church was looking to raise.

Miller explained that the overall goal is to raise \$5,000 for the whole camp and that they were half way there at this point. The \$5,000 would

be enough to subsidize \$50 of each campers cost.

Rule made a motion to recommend to the Board of Aldermen that the First Baptist Church of Northern Heights have the community center to rent on Friday, June 6, 2008 with all fees waved.

Ron Carlson seconded and the motion passed.

## Trails

Mike Duffy, Director of Planning and Community Development explained the trail map from last month's meeting to the Board. He said that other than the trails that are under construction right now no other trails have been staked. The trails that are on the map are ones that have been proposed but not designed yet. Their routes are just tentative at this point. Duffy outlined possible trail projects that the Park Board can spend the remaining \$67,000 from their budget on. They are:

1. Line Creek/Renner Brenner Gap- This is pulling forward a small segment of the Line Creek Connector between E.H. Young Park and Renner Brenner Park in order to complete the trail within Renner Brenner Park. A section of this trail beginning at the parking lot is being constructed as part of another project and this would pick up where that ends and continue to the park boundary near the creek.
2. A pedestrian bridge over the railroad connecting E.H. Young to Renner Brenner Park- The Line Creek Trail Connector from E.H. Young Park to Renner Brenner Park is designed to cross over the railroad on the new bridge that will be built to Argosy. To do this a sidewalk trail is being added. Duffy believed that there is need for funding for a change order that would actually add the trail to the bridge design. Alderman Fuller and Mayor Rose thought that the funding was already provided.
3. Argosy Connector- This is the section of the Missouri Riverfront Trail from the west end of the levee to the beginning of the sidewalk at the west side of Argosy. The completion of this section of trail allows the Missouri Riverfront Trail to continue onward to E.H. Young Park and connects it to the Line Creek Trail Connector which will connect E.H. Young Park and Renner Brenner Park within Riverside. The County has agreed to pay for this section to be constructed if the City can provide a location and design for it. The design needs to be completed in 30-45 days in order for a change order to be made because construction is already in progress.
4. Line Creek Trail development- This is a section of the trail that is proposed to go along Line Creek from Gateway northward to Kansas City, Missouri and connect the Kansas City and Riverside trail systems

Alderman Fuller commented that the trail out of Renner Brenner will show the public the future direction of the trail.

Rule outlined the projects in order of priority. They are:

1. Argosy Connector
2. Line Creek/Renner Brenner Gap
3. Line Creek Trail development

4. A pedestrian bridge over the railroad connecting E.H. Young to Renner Brenner Park

Jeff Rupp, Director of Public Works said that he would work on getting estimates for these projects and e-mail them to the Board for approval to proceed because they only have three months to use the rest of the money in their budget this year.

#### Park Facilities Assessment Update

Duffy explained that Allen Cooksey from Shafer, Kline and Warren Inc. did a pre tour of the parks and had noted some issues. His comments should be completed by next week. A list of dates was give to the Park Board members as to when Cooksey would be available to meet with the Park Board at the parks to go over some of their concerns and ideas. The Board decided that they would meet on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm at Renner Brenner Park.

#### Renner Brenner Parks Signs

Sarah Wagner, Administrative Clerk explained to the Board that she had been in contact with Tim Mayer form LTD Sings Inc. in regard to the signs for Renner Brenner Park. They are the same company that does the signs for the Kansas City Zoo and the Lakeside Nature Sanctuary. The price is about \$485.00 per sign that will include a full color 30x24 graphic that City staff will design.

Cathy Mousel made a motion to approve the cost of the signs.

Alderman Fuller seconded and the motion passed.

#### Bus Shelters

Wagner reported that the cost for a bus shelter is about \$15,000 in addition to the maintenance and up keep on the shelter.

The Board asked for a picture of the shelter, what stops in the City are used the most and what the average cost of maintenance is on each shelter.

#### Park Priority List

Mayor Rose asked about the parking access areas in the curbs at E.H. Young Park.

Rupp said that the cost for that could be taken from the remaining Park Board budget

The Board agreed and moved it to number two on the priority list for the remaining budget this year.

The Board decided to wait until after they meet with the consultant about the parks before they discuss the priorities any further. They asked staff to begin getting estimates on some of the projects for next year's budget.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.