

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
APRIL 23, 2008**

Present: Fran Dyer, Bruce Henry, Montez James, Luise Smith, Marilyn Stephens, Donna Stoddard

Absent: Larry Kraker, Rory Lundberg, Rebecca Murphy

Approval of Minutes - none

NEW BUSINESS

City Student Recognition

Three students were presented for recognition. A motion was made and seconded to split the award between the top two candidates. It was noted that there were two \$1000 scholarships available, due to an inability to award a prior recipient. The board motions, seconds and unanimously vote to award \$1000 each to the top two candidates, Amy Nichols and Mark Kisch.

OLD BUSINESS

Fee Schedules

Old Fort Park:

Non-profit, private, \$50/day per use (weddings)

For profit, private use, \$250/day per use (excludes Sunday morning before noon)

Non-profit, without papers, \$100/day per use

Non-profit, with paperwork (such as American Cancer Society), \$75/day per use

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the fees as proposed.

Park reservations do not exclude casual users.

Pettis Park:

The board motioned, seconded and approved to utilize the same fee schedule for Pettis Park as required for the Old Fort Park.

MISCELLANEOUS

Art Purchase Award:

As soon as the flyer is ready to enable voting, the ballots will be mailed to board members. Members are asked to then visit the Artist Workshop/Chamber of Commerce on Canal to vote and return the ballots to Liz. The Workshop closes at 3:00 daily. In the future, the display will be held at the high school.

Sports Complex:

The Board raised concern about newspaper reports that the City Commission stated the Sports Complex is not making money. It appears that there are expectations for Parks and Rec department heads to make it self-sufficient. It is suggested that the Board make a statement to the City Commission clarifying its purpose.

Kimla and Liz met with the Mayor earlier this week to provide details of the program and discuss where it's headed. They have collected data as to how many baseball and football fields there are, budgets, financial status, etc. The Mayor has helped open doors to find people with expertise that could benefit the facility. One contact is Rusty Saunders who is helping to obtain sponsors for the facility. Registrations provided detailed demographics (ages, gender, etc.) demonstrating there are approximately 221,000 people attending events throughout the year. These numbers exceed any other event citywide. The overall budget for the Sports Complex is \$700,000.00. \$15,000 was made during the Mayors Golf Challenge to help offset the program cost.

The department has been asked to prepare an RFP (Request for proposal) to obtain commercial sponsors such as Coca Cola. The degree of difficulty is great in gaining sponsorship due to the fact that everyone competes for the same ones.

The Board will send a letter to express support and concern regarding the continued use of the Sports Complex. Some members, as public individuals, may attend the next City Commissioner's meeting on May 13th.

NOTHING ON SIDE B OF TAPE