



**PARK & RECREATION MEETING
Minutes of March 12, 2014**

The Park and Recreation Board met at the Alexandria City Building on the above date at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Present: Jeremy Toy, Chair Cathy Combs
 Fred Hollmann
Absent: Patti Bush Pam Proctor

Jeremy Toy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Cathy Combs made a motion to approve the January 8, 2013 minutes, seconded by Fred Hollmann. All in favor, the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

VISITORS & GUESTS:

1. Skate Park Advocates: Sam Herald, Stone Antoun, Rex Herald, Matthew Cummins, Ehmnet Reece, Chris Mardis, Zack Nelson, Tyler Craig, Devon, Zimpleman, Shaun Antoun (mother)
 - o Insurance: Per Rex, an article on the Tony Hawk webpage mentions that insurance for most city skate parks is already covered by the city's (park) insurance. The mayor reported initial insurance premiums were not of great concern, though the increase (relative to increasing heights of equipment) could potentially be. Equipment selection must take this into account.
 - a) Signs should be posted to "Skate at your own risk".
 - o Size: Per Chris, this park could be the same size as ½ a standard tennis court.
 - o Funding: Advocates are certain they can raise \$15,000. American Ramp Co. willing to donate some money.
 - o Location: Barry Jolly has agreed to lease land (behind new bakery or behind Auto Zone) to the city for \$1/year, though he is afraid of the liability of "owning" this park property.
 - a) The mayor suggests a "youth center" with the park inside it. (Not an enclosed building, but a pole building.) This would be better for security (possible badge system stemming from monthly dues). Admission could cover the cost for security.
 - b) A public/private partnership would be good by him. He asked the advocates to find durable, safe equipment.
2. Eagle Scout Potentials: Thomas Comer, Austin Zalac, Tim Comer (father)
3. Disc Golf designer Tim Webster
4. City Councilman Andy Schabell

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Upper Park Master Plan –
The board will move forward with Phase 2a of the 5-year Master Plan, landscaping the areas around the shelter and playground (\$6,000). We are hopeful that the playground equipment replacement will occur in this phase as well.
2. Budget – 2013 – 2014
Total expenses to date for this FY - \$7,981.30
3. Budget - 2014 – 2015
 - o Events remains the same - \$3500
 - o Maintenance - \$3500
 - a) May - major initial clean up, includes mulch and raking
 - b) Five monthly visits- June, July, August, Sept. & Oct. would be ideal. Fred will speak with Gary about costs.
 - o Master Plan Phase 2a -\$6000—plant trees, sod
 - o Capital Improvement - \$2000

- a) Security cameras
- b) Misc
- c) Signage
- o Playground equipment replacement – estimating \$20,000, at least half of which would be furnished from the overall budget. Up to 50% will be applied for through matching grants.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Arbor Day: We have budgeted \$750 for this event. Event scheduled for Saturday, April 26. Cathy to call for seedling availability. Fred to verify seedling selection is appropriate. Jeremy to confirm if boy scouts and girl scouts are available.

2. Agenda items for next meeting—
 - o Upper Park Master Plan
 - o Budget
 - o Eagle Scout projects
 - o Tim Webster – New disc golf course
 - o Arbor Day

COMMUNICATION: None

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Cathy Combs made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Fred Hollmann. All in favor, the motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

Attested to and submitted by:


Pam Proctor, Secretary


Jeremy Toy, Chairperson

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