

COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

February 21, 2014

Present: Cody Kooi, Calvin Van Donselaar, Arvin Van Zante, Jacki Craver, Stephen Fyfe, Jake De Ruiter & Lauri Amelse

Staff: Jeanette Vaughan, Mallary Herring, Chandler Nunnikhoven & Brenda Ross

Jacki made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 15th meeting. This was seconded by Lauri.

Budget Review

Staff handed out copies of the department's CIPs, which will be presented to Council on March 4th for their final approval. Staff also talked about the operational budget which will also get final approval on March 4th.

Indoor Pool Renovation

The preconstruction meeting was held on January 23rd for the Indoor Pool Renovation project. The General contractor on the project is Garling Construction. Safety of children in the area during the project was discussed at length during the meeting. The general and sub-contractors in attendance are eager to get started. The pool will be drained April 5th and the project will start in earnest on April 7th.

Sports Complex

Construction on the Sports Park has slowed down for the winter months. Light poles were set in late January. We have shifted gears a little and have started working on playground features, bleachers, and other amenities/items not included in the construction contract.

American In Bloom

The City is participating in the American In Bloom national awards program this summer. Judges will come to town this summer to evaluate the City on 6 criteria. Informational flyer was handed out. A committee is being formed as part of the event. Any Board members interested in serving should let Jeanette know.

Department Update - Aquatics

- Staff is working on a summer schedule that will allow us to keep as many programs in place this summer during the closure of the indoor facility. We are looking at ways to fit in lap swim, summer swim classes, senior aerobics, aquatic boot camp, etc. using different areas of the outdoor facility.
- The second Lifeguarding Course of the year is in session. The final session will be offered in March. So far we will have 9 new life guards starting this summer.
- The Jeff Ellis & Associated audited the pool and we received meets expectations.
- Staff will be hosting a table/booth at the Pella Corporation Health & Wellness Fair on March 5th. We will be providing information on all of our recreation programs, parks and aquatic programs. This will be a great opportunity to showcase the many programs and facilities that the City offers its residents.
- Voted #1 Best Place to Entertain Kids by the Red Rock Area.

Department Update – Parks

- Staff worked with the Marion County Extension office to schedule an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) public meeting for residents and concerned citizens. The meeting will be held at the Community Center on February 25th from 6:30p-7:30p. There will be several speakers present to cover topics such as how to identify an ash tree, how to identify the EAB, and options for how to address this issue. The flyer for this meeting is included with this report and can also be found on the City's website.
- Staff is working on snow and ice removal activities as weather dictates. When weather is not "polar" staff is working on collecting downed branches and garbage blow in by the recent high winds.
- Fountain Hill playground installation, restroom, shelter house and parking are scheduled to be completed by June 30th. Bid packets are due by March 5th.

- Staff is working on new features for the Garden Creatures theme planned for Central Park.
- Voted #1 Park - West Market Park by the Red Rock Area.
- Top 10 Activities: Playing at the West Market Park Playground by the Red Rock Area.

Department Update – Art/Rec

- The new Pizza & Painting Class offered on January 28th was sold out within 2 weeks. An art instructor walked participants through several easy steps and they left the same night with a masterpiece for their walls. Cost was \$20 – included paints, canvas and pizza. As a result of the popularity of this class several more classes are being added to the calendar.

Community Center Building Assessment

A committee will be formed to review the renovation plan from Shive/Hattery and to decide on an action plan. Arvin has volunteered to be on the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 21st, noon in room 204, at the Community Center. Arvin made motion to adjourn, seconded by Cody. Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Ross

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