

SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES February 10, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by Chairperson Orlando.

Present: Dianne Beagle
Robert McConnell
Ed McLoud
Michael Orlando
Erica Wilson

Kristen Delaney - City of South Lyon

Absent: none

Approval of Minutes - The January 13, 2010 meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Motion by Wilson, supported by McConnell, to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2009 special meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda - Due to Orlando having to leave the meeting early, Wilson suggested that the agenda items be rearranged so that he could be present for the discussion regarding Old Business items 1, 2, & 3 and New Business item 1. Motion by McLoud, supported by Wilson, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments - None

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Donation of Time and Design – This had been an agenda item carried over from a previous meeting. Wilson stated that Don Beagle had been donating his design time and materials to the Commission for the past several years and Commissioners were pleased with his efforts. She stated that if another landscape architect desired to donate time and materials that he/she needed to come before the Commission with a proposal. All Commissioners agreed.

2. South Lyon Park Use Policy - Delaney presented a draft of a document outlining all rules, regulations and policies regarding use of and reservation of all South Lyon parks. Commissioners agreed with Delaney's assessment that although the document contained necessary information, it was quite long. Delaney will compose a single page of important items to be attached to the reservation forms. Commissioners also asked that the number of people in a group subject to the minimum deposit for reserving the McHattie Park pavilion be changed. The revised documents will be reviewed at the next meeting. Residents and park users will be directed to the City website for the more detailed document along with the condensed version and the reservation forms. Delaney stated that the updated

document will then need to be reviewed by the City's attorney prior to final approval by City Council. Commissioners also stated the need for better follow through on checking the park for damage after a group has used it. Wording is in the pavilion reservation form that the park will be inspected within 3 business days following a group's use and their deposit will be refunded if no damage is found. Commissioners are not sure what the procedure is for inspecting and notifying the City Clerk of the results.

3. McHattie Park Plans – One of the short term goals the Commission set was to develop a plan for improvements to the park and divide it into phases for funding, purchasing and construction purposes. Commissioners had identified numerous improvements and had asked Mr. Beagle to incorporate them into an overall plan, establish phases and obtain costs for each phase. Mr. Beagle presented the plan and much discussion ensued. It was decided to present the plan to City Council for approval and to request funding. McLoud and Mr. Beagle will collaborate on a presentation which the Commission will present at an April or May Council meeting.

4. Account for Parks & Recreation Funds – The Commission had previously inquired about establishing an account in which funds for park improvements could be accumulated and carried over from year to year. Plante & Moran, the City's auditor, stated that money may be earmarked in the budget for park improvements and it can carry over. This will also allow the Commission to accept donations which will be tax deductible for the donors. Receipts will be provided by the City.

5. Community Movie Projector – Delaney stated that all communities involved in the joint purchase of this equipment have approved it now. South Lyon plans to show 3 movies this summer in McHattie Park. All movies will be rated G. Plans are also being made to show a movie during Pumpkinfest weekend.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Eagle Scout Projects – Don Beagle presented photos and a detailed description of the project proposed by Boy Scout Tyler Jedinak. He would like to rebuild the approaches to both ends of the white wooden bridge over the creek in McHattie Park. He will also stabilize the supports beneath the ends of the bridge to prevent the approaches from sinking again. If funding and manpower allows, Tyler will also repaint the bridge. He does have permission from the Historical Commission for this project. Motion by Wilson, supported by McLoud, to approve this Eagle Scout project as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Beagle stated that there were two additional scouts who will be proposing projects to the Commission in the near future. One would like to paint the old metal bridge across the creek in McHattie Park. He also would rebuild the approaches. The Commission will need to establish more projects as Mr. Beagle stated that the Boy Scout troop has at least 5-6 scouts who are very close to the Eagle Project stage and are all interested in working with the Commission.

2. Concerts in the Park - Delaney stated that concerts are being scheduled on Friday nights from 7:00-8:30 pm during June, July and August. She is hopeful that

