

Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2014

Members Present:

Loren Anthony, Chairman
Russ McCaig
Miles Harvey
Doug Bell
Anthony Heilman
Kevin Jacobs
Susie Carson

Members Absent:

Reg Wiebe (Excused)
Kenny Eaton (Excused)

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart
Don Argo

Others:

Bill Young

Chairman Loren Anthony called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

The Minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Kevin Wishart reported that the Branch Director of the El Dorado YMCA, Jessica Rall, was scheduled to appear at the meeting to introduce herself to the board; she was unable to attend due to a conflict.

Kevin Wishart reported that fall activities were wrapping up; for the most part the seasons have gone well with only minor issues. The board questioned what feedback had been received regarding the changes to the soccer program. Kevin Wishart and Don Argo reported that they had heard only positive comments to date.

Kevin Wishart indicated that representatives from the Walnut Valley Basketball League again approached staff about El Dorado joining the league for the 2014-2015 season. Kevin Wishart distributed a summary of basketball registrations for the past four years for the board to review. It was reported that staff believes that numbers are not sufficient to offer both a recreation program and the Walnut Valley option. Pros and cons of joining the league were discussed by staff and the board. After much discussion, it was unanimously decided to decline the invitation of the Walnut Valley League this season but to consider the opportunity again after this season when registration numbers can be reviewed again. The Walnut Valley League discussion led to questions about finding local sponsors for recreation league teams. These sponsors could provide funding for

“better” uniforms for the participants. Staff was asked to gather information about sponsorship guidelines used in other communities and to report the findings at an upcoming meeting.

Kevin Wishart reported that the work on the Park and Recreation Master Plan continues and that the survey was available online for the community to complete. To date responses were trickling in slowly. The Board was reminded of the meeting to be held on Thursday, November 20th to share preliminary results of the survey and to discuss the parks assessment completed by Landworks Studio. The time for the meeting was not yet determined.

There were no new business items discussed by the board.

Staff had no additional items for discussion.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.