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Dorado Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

*Wednesday, February 18th, 2015
City Hall Conference Room
5:30 PM*

1. Approve November 19th, 2014 Minutes
(did not meet December 2014 & January 2015 had no official business)
2. Basketball Survey
3. Heights Baseball/Softball
4. Master Plan Update
5. New Business
6. Adjourn

*Next meeting: Wednesday, March 18th at 5:30 p.m.

2015 Schedule (third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.)

March 18th

April 15th

May 20th

June 17th

July 15th

August 19th

September 16th

October 21st

November 18th

December 16th

Recreation Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes

February 18th, 2015

Members Present:

Loren Anthony, Chairman
Miles Harvey
Susie Carson
Anthony Heilman
Doug Bell

Absent:

Russ McCaig (excused)
Kevin Jacobs (excused)
Reg Wiebe (excused)
Kenny Eaton

Staff Present:

Don Argo
Kevin Wishart
Molly Denton

The minutes from the November 2014 meeting have been amended to reflect: Susie Carson as attending the meeting. The committee did not meet in December 2014 and January 2015 did not have any official business.

A basketball survey was emailed out to all parents that had children participating in the recreation basketball program this year. Out of approx. 189 emails sent, we received 45 responses to the survey. The recreation staff will send out a survey for each youth sport for this upcoming year (spring volleyball and soccer, summer baseball and softball, fall

volleyball, soccer and flag football). The final survey results will be available at the next meeting.

It was also discussed that there is a talent gap in basketball. It was suggested that the more skilled players be on a traveling league (Walnut Valley league) and the less skilled players stay in the Recreation league. The question is, how do you decide?

This season the basketball coaches were asked to rate their players at the end of the season. These ratings will only stay between the Recreation staff and the coach that rated them. The goal is to have this help us with next year's draft.

It was suggested that there be a coach's clinic before practice/games start (for all sports programs). Some coaches are less qualified and are just there for their kids. This clinic would be a step in the right direction to help fix the talent gap. The Recreation staff has tried this in the past with little to no interest. If it is made mandatory at the first coach's meeting, most coaches will be there. Have a few handouts with a few basic drills and a few scripted practices (for each age group) that they could rotate. For coaches that can't make it to the meeting or just need a refresher, YouTube videos are a great tool.

Heights baseball/softball packets are available and ready to be picked up. There is no Recreation baseball league for ages 13-14, only Heights is available. Over the age of 15, there is nothing available through Heights or Rec. Players can

sign up as an individual in the 13-14 age group, but they are not guaranteed a spot. It is better to find a coach (or the parent can coach) and sign up as a team. The heights league fee was lowered from \$50 to \$35 to help offset the cost of travel. An upcoming meeting (not scheduled yet) for Heights is mandatory for all new parents and all parents must sign S.A.G.E.

Last year, the softball league for ages 13-16 only had two teams which was not a great experience for those playing. This was a good reason for us to go to a Heights baseball league this year for this age group. Our softball numbers look okay for this year, but they may not always be this way.

The Master Plan has been going through many changes due to all of the feedback from the public, Rec Advisory Board, and staff. Landworks is currently not scheduled to come back soon, but Kevin believes they will probably be back at the end of March or early April. During the January meeting, the group was asked to prioritize the existing concepts. Most agreed that this was a very difficult task. There was continued debate on what should happen with the Aquatic Center, should it stay at its current location and be renovated or be moved to the American Legion property. Also, there is a new concept for the Activity Center: expanding the parking lot, a new entry way, 3 additional gyms and an open area with concessions and new restrooms. The Activity Center is currently the first priority.

Overall, it is good to have an outside perspective, fresh eyes on the concepts and ideas to compare El Dorado to other nearby towns with similar situations (using PRORAGIS). It is important to know that the money for this Master Plan does not exist today, but it is good to see the options and priorities of each concept so we can plan accordingly.

An item of new business is the East Park mud volleyball pits. All of the City would like to see these gone, not just Parks and Rec. They are more of a headache and hazard and are only used once a year. We will talk to Main Street about their use of them for the Frontier Western Celebration.

At the softball fields at East Park, there is discussion of turning in the service road into grass and using it for batting cages. Also, we would like to eventually expand parking to incorporate the current Squires property or to the east of the current parking lot (across Woodland St.).

As of May 1st, 2015 there will be 6 members with their terms expiring. This is a 9 member board. Kevin encouraged everyone to please start thinking of their plans on reapplying or finding new members. The members with terms expiring are: Loren Anthony, Kenny Eaton, Anthony Heilman, Kevin Jacobs, Russ McCaig and Reg Wiebe.

The summer employment process has begun. Applicants must be at least 15 years old and the deadline is March 6th.

The spring soccer and volleyball deadline is February 20th.

The next scheduled meeting will be on March 18th at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.