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El Dorado Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

**Wednesday, June 25, 2014
Recreation Conference Room
5:30 PM**

- 1. Approve May 21, 2014 Minutes**
- 2. Josh Whitson, YMCA Director of Sports Initiatives**
- 3. Central and East Park Smoking Ordinance**
- 4. Baseball/Softball Report**
- 5. Fall Programs**
- 6. Board Items**
- 7. Staff Report**
- 8. Adjourn**

Next Scheduled Meeting: July 16 or July 30, 2014

Recreation Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2014

Members Present:

Loren Anthony, Chairman
Russ McCaig
Miles Harvey
Kevin Jacobs
Kenny Eaton
Doug Bell
Anthony Heilman

Members Absent:

Reg Wiebe (Excused)

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart
Don Argo

Others:

Josh Whitson, YMCA Director of Sports Initiatives

Chairman Loren Anthony called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

The Minutes of the May 7, 2014 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

Josh Whitson, Director of Sports Initiatives for the Wichita YMCA visited with the board about their vision for a partnership moving forward. Discussion centered on the problems created in the past by local YMCA leadership regarding attitude, and an unwillingness to share in costs associated with facility use. The board also shared with Mr. Whitson some of the comments heard from patrons regarding the way YMCA programs were structured, scheduled and officiated. Mr. Whitson asked the board if there is a willingness to discuss a partnership moving forward; the board indicated a willingness to listen to proposals and to make decisions based upon what is best for the community and the El Dorado Parks and Recreation Department.

Kevin Wishart asked the board to consider a request made by several citizens to ban smoking at Central Park, East Park, Walnut River Complex and McDonald Stadium during youth activities sponsored by El Dorado Recreation. This ban would not apply to tournaments or events not sponsored by the City of El Dorado; as those decisions would be made by the sponsoring entities. After discussion, the board unanimously approved recommending to the City Commission a proposal to ban smoking at the facilities listed above.

Kevin Wishart reported on the status of summer programs and projected wrap up dates.

Kevin Wishart reported that fall program information would be ready for distribution soon and that the deadline for the fall season would be Friday, August 15th. It is hoped that this date will allow for practices to begin earlier thus allowing for an earlier start to games which will allow winter and spring programs to begin earlier which has been the request of several patrons over the past year. The earlier start will allow for brief breaks between activities.

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 6:59 pm.