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El Dorado Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

*Wednesday, August 19th, 2015
City Hall Admin Conference Room
5:30 PM*

1. Approve June 24th and July 15th, 2015 Minutes
2. Park Master Plan – last chance for input
3. Baseball/Softball survey results
4. Rec/Heights Baseball and Softball discussion
5. Walnut Valley Basketball discussion
6. New Business
7. Staff Report
8. Adjourn

*Next meeting: Wednesday, September 16th at 5:30 p.m.

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

September 16th

October 21st

November 18th

December 16th

Recreation Advisory Board
August 19, 2015
Minutes

Members Present:

Kenny Eaton
Bill Young
Brandi Parks Lane
Russ McCaig
Anthony Heilman
Loren Anthony
Miles Harvey
Susie Carson

Members Absent:

Doug Bell

Commission Representative Present:

Mayor Vince Haines

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart
Brian Urton
Molly Denton

Minutes from the June 24th meeting and July 15th meeting were both approved.

Final suggestions and thoughts were brought to the table about the Connect 2025 Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Board was in agreeance that the overall direction of the plan was good. Everyone feels very comfortable moving forward with the input from this meeting. One concern from the group was about the PRORAGIS report that gave us results that may not be beneficial when “selling” the plan to the public. The results compare El Dorado to much larger cities, therefore resulting in data that appeared skewed. Landworks did notice this and so they also looked at several communities in Kansas in regard to key items such as park acreage, staff level, and budget. See pages 49-50 of report. There was also a request to convert the data into a ratio or percentage.

Also, it was asked that Landworks produce the list of what concepts should have first priority and so on. A priority list was produced as a group at one of the first stakeholder meetings at the Train Depot earlier this year. It focused on projects that would not take much time & resources first, and then eventually moving on to larger projects that would require more assistance. Mayor Haines agreed that producing a priority list for the Master Plan would be good to have before it goes to the City Commission. Kevin will discuss both of these requests with Landworks to see what they can do.

There were few other final thoughts from the group on the Master Plan. First, the Parks & Rec staffing needs would need to be thought out when considering these new projects and the amount of labor it would take to maintain them. Second, there will need to be a lap pool added to the plans for the new pool concept at the Legion property. The El Dorado Swim Team would definitely need this in the future if the pool moves to a new location. Third, the current tennis courts on Main St. should be turned into a skate park. This location is ideal because of the visibility and the distance from movie theater would draw people to it. Lastly, it was stated that we need to consider El Dorado kids first, and therefore a new pool would benefit El Dorado kids more than building a new ball field complex (i.e. Legion).

The summer baseball & softball survey went out and the results have been better than they have in the past, with 80 responses. One good piece of feedback was that the umpires did a great job this year.

Next topic discussed was the Rec/Heights Baseball and Softball for next summer. A Pro and Con list was made for three different options. Please see separate document for reference. Overall the Board like moving 12U & 14U to the Heights League, allowing current Heights teams to be able to stay together. Miles moves this motion and Kenny seconds. A few other notes: Next year, any new teams would have to draft and it was suggested that perhaps increasing how many kids are protected would be a good solution. There is a

cost difference because Heights teams travel and have uniforms. It was suggested that sponsorships from Chamber could help with this cost.

The Walnut Valley Basketball discussion also had a Pro and Con list made for the two options. Please see separate document for reference. The Board decided that 3/4th grade & 5/6th grade would move to the Walnut Valley League. Susie motions, Russ seconds. The number of players in these two divisions have been declining, and by joining WVL the kids would have more teams to play against. We are unsure of the fee for registration at this time, however this is something we can decide ourselves. The cost of providing a uniform would be more, but perhaps a uniform that could be passed on from year to year would be a good solution. The draft process would also be the same as we currently do it.

There was no new business to report from the group. Kevin did quickly mention that the Fall Youth Rec Program deadlines for volleyball, soccer and flag football are approaching soon. There will be coach meetings for these sports on 9/1 & 9/2. The pool is also only open on weekends now, the last day open will be 9/6. The slide at East Park will be replaced due to a hole that could not be repaired. The Activity Center Fall hours will begin on 9/8.

Next Recreation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for September 16th at 5:30 p.m.