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El Dorado Park and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

*Wednesday, September 16th, 2015
City Hall Admin Conference Room
5:30 PM*

1. Approve August 19th, 2015 Minutes
2. YMCA Update
3. Fall Sports
4. Park Master Plan
5. New Business
6. Staff Report
7. Adjourn

*Next meeting: Wednesday, October 21st at 5:30 p.m.

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

October 21st
November 18th
December 16th

Recreation Advisory Board
September 16, 2015
Minutes

Members Present:

Loren Anthony
Anthony Heilman
Doug Bell
Brandi Parks-Lane
Miles Harvey
Bill Young

Members Absent:

Russ McCaig
Kenny Eaton
Susie Carson

Commission Representative Present:

Commissioner Chase Locke

Youth Commission Present:

Lauren Lowery
Abigail Edwards

Staff Present:

Kevin Wishart
Brian Urton
Molly Denton

Minutes from the August 19th meeting are approved. Miles moves, Anthony seconds the motion.

The YMCA memorandum was brought to the City Commission with the change in wording suggested by Russ McCaig: "WHEREAS, YMCA and the City desire to enter into an agreement for the purpose of developing a partnership to improve quality and accessibility to activities and youth sports in the El Dorado community in the areas related to their respective missions; and". This change was supported by the Recreation Advisory Board and approved by the City Commission. We are now awaiting the approval from the Metro YMCA.

There is nothing new to report for the Park Master Plan. We are still waiting to hear back from Landworks on what they have found out about the PRORAJIS report. The report will need final approval from the Board before it goes to Commission.

Fall youth sports season will begin Saturday, September 26th with soccer and flag football. Youth volleyball will begin on Monday, September 28th. Adult softball and volleyball will also begin this week, and flag football will start next week.

Here are the current numbers for youth sports:

Volleyball 3/4 grades = 12 teams (4 from El Dorado)

Volleyball 5/6 grades = 16 teams

Flag Football 1-3 grades = 8 teams

Flag Football 4-6 grades = 16 individuals signed up (4 teams)

Soccer K = 7 teams

Soccer 1/2 grades = 10 teams

Soccer 3/4 grades = 6 teams

Soccer 5-7 grades = 5 teams

(Out of 28 teams, 8 are being coached by a city staff member.)

We still struggle to find coaches for our youth sports. Each season we have to make calls to try to recruit coaches, very rarely do they sign up on their own. It is important to note that an individual does not have to have experience coaching, and our staff will help them with coaching materials and even attend a few practices to help them out. All coaches receive a free t-shirt and free youth registration certificate. Coaches only have to commit to one practice a week and one hour for a game each week. Most seasons last 6 weeks. We prefer coaches to be 18 years old or older. Any younger and we question how they would handle difficult parents or other conflicts. We asked the Board to help our staff spread the word about needing coaches and are open to suggestions on other ways to find volunteers.

It was suggested that we try an internship for basketball coaches and use our connections at BCC. Another suggestion was to offer a coaches clinic. We did this for volleyball this fall and had 12 coaches attend with assistance from a volleyball coach at BCC. We've also tried putting a question on the end of the season survey asking 'what it would take for you to coach?' and the responses have not been helpful so far.

New business to discuss: the Walnut Valley League for Basketball this winter. Our staff has spoken to the WVL and they are receptive to letting us join the League. They will meet later this month and let us know a definite answer. As far as we know there will not be any restrictions on drafting, we can continue to draft as we normally do and save up to 3 kids. There will be more details to come in October and we will share our marketing plan on how to get this new information out to the public. Games will start January 9th and run through the first Saturday in March.

The Heights League for baseball was also brought up. As of now, there is nothing new to report because they have not had their first meeting yet. More details to come in October.

The Elk's Soccer Shoot will be Saturday, October 3rd at the Walnut Valley Soccer Complex.

The Recreation Department will have a booth at the upcoming Walnut River Festival on Saturday, September 19th.

It was also suggested that the Staff Report be moved up on the agenda, before New Business.

Meeting dismissed at 6:12 p.m.

The next Recreation Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for October 21st at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.