

City of Wyoming Parks & Recreation Commission

NOTES FOR THE MEETING OF February 12, 2014 (No Quorum)

Present: Robert Cook, Kenneth Hornecker, Oogie LaMar, Aaron Velthouse, Doug Wustman,
Absent: Doug Broek, Megan Harley, Eric Hartfield, David Skinner, Alex Smart, Rich Pastoor (City Council Liaison)
Guest: None
Staff Present: Rebecca Rynbrandt, Gloria Pelton

- A. Call to order of the Parks and Recreation Commission** – Chairperson Doug Wustman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
- B. Approval of Agenda** – As there was no quorum, action could not be taken.
- C. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of the November 11, 2013 and Notes of the January 8, 2014 Meetings** – As there was no quorum, action could not be taken.
- D. Public Comment on Agenda Item (limit to 3 minutes) – None**
- E. Program Registration Pin Mapping** – Rebecca reviewed the pin maps that were provided in the packet. This information was developed from our registration programs. The mapping showed that participants are well spread out through the city.
- E1. City Regulations of No Alcohol in the Parks Systems** - The City of Wyoming has received a request from the Cultural Enrichment Commission for a one day event with a beer tent. Currently alcohol is prohibited within park facilities. A change in policy is requested. Such a change would be for all requests, not just City sponsored. Rebecca asked the commissioners for their input regarding this matter.

Oogie Lamar was curious to know of other communities that allow it. Kent County issues a permit with facility reservations. City of Grand Rapids permits it as does the City of Kalamazoo. Rockford has Celtic festivals with a beer tent.

Rebecca said that the City is conducting an initial review with the City Attorney. His initial review indicates that a policy cannot discriminate between organizations.

Oogie voiced concern about how often it would be happening. Ken Hornecker initiated discussion about an extra fee for the permit and or possible deposits. Further discussion was held regarding whether groups would go elsewhere, how many parks would allow it, drink limits, and an evaluation process of organization and any past behavior. Doug Wustman suggested talking with other communities regarding their experiences, how their ordinances are written and how many events they have per year. Other suggestions were capping the number of permits per summer and running a pilot program. State law limits alcohol permits of this nature to non-profit organizations. A Beer tent should be to enhance a “festival” type event. Over all feeling of the commissioners is to proceed with recommendation of allowing beer

tents with the following understanding:

- Beer tents are not to be the primary activity of the event; should be ancillary; connected to a large, festival styled event
- Limit eligible park locations to Lamar and Pinery
- Limit the number of beer tent permits annually and by season (first come first serve)
- Ensure permits and fees create an income source for the parks and recreation fund, cover all costs associated on behalf of the city, including exclusive use of park property, overhead, additional maintenance, police services, etc.
- Develop as an initial pilot program with a strong program and individual user evaluation tool

Rebecca also asked for feedback from the commissioners related to alcohol use at the WSC once the facility improvements are complete and the community room is available for rentals. The overall consensus was very conservative regarding the WSC for general public reservations.

- F. FY 2015 Budget** – Copies of the Proposed Budgets were distributed to the commission. The projected revenue has increased by \$54,590 from FY14. This is the first uptick since 2008. We are improving our activity center transparency by breaking out WSC revenue, including a separate line item for anticipated rental income. Rebecca asked for commissioner input on upcoming Capital/project considerations for FY 2015. They recommended Buck Creek Boardwalk Demo (1), WSC Security System (2), and Court Sealing, Frog Hollow Unitary Re-surfacing, and Lamar Park trail repair (3) be the priorities. The commission also reviewed the needs of Ferrand Park versus Jackson Park and Pinery Park capital proposals. Rebecca informed them that Ferrand Park (Phase 1) is recommended since it has not seen any significant improvements in 20 years.
- G. Capital Projects Update**
- Wyoming Senior Center Community Room Renovations – Going very well. The project is about 1 week ahead of schedule.
- J. General Updates** – None
- K. Commissioner Recruitment** – We have a couple openings on the Parks & Recreation Commission. Possible members can be any registered voter in Wyoming.
- K. Commissioner Concerns and Suggestions** - None
- L. Public Comment in General (Limit to 3 minutes)** – None
- M. Motion to Adjourn the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting** – The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Recorded by _____
Gloria Pelton
Recording Secretary