

## **City of Wyoming Parks & Recreation Commission**

### **NOTES FOR THE MEETING OF December 14, 2016 Wyoming City Hall, West Conf.**

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Present: Robert Cook, Lillian L. Cummings-Pulliams, Doug Wustman, Marissa Postler (City Council Liaison)

Absent: Doug Broek, Ed McGregor, Dave Skinner, Megan Harley, Aaron Velthouse, Kathryn Crow-Deyoung)

Guest:

Staff Present: Rebecca Rynbrandt, Director of Community Services  
Cindra Barber, Secretary

- A. Call to order of the Parks and Recreation Commission** – Commission Chair, Doug Wustman called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
- B. Approval of Agenda** – While the meeting lacked a quorum, there was consensus of those present to hold the meeting. It was noted that there were not specific action items outside of approving the minutes.
- C. Approval of the Parks and Recreation minutes from November 8, 2016 Meeting** – Lacking a quorum, these minutes will be approved at the next meeting
- D. Public Comment on Agenda Item (limit to 3 minutes)** – None
- E. Library/Park Capital Millage** –
- **Talking Points** – Rynbrandt provided Marissa Postler, the newly appointed City Council Liaison, background information related to the need for the Library/Parks and Recreation Maintenance Millage Request. Next Rynbrandt referred to the agenda handout providing the key talking points that have been developed for the Commission, staff and Council members so everyone is on the same page when educating the voters on the millage request.
  - **Advocacy Calendar** – Rynbrandt went over the Advocacy Calendar handout which shows the step by step process of how the city is hoping to educate the public. Rynbrandt advised the Commission to let her know of any opportunities that may present themselves, such as teacher staff meetings, retiree luncheons or possibly church groups/meetings where she, or one of Council, Commission or staff members, might be able to provide some education on what the city is trying to do and why. The key dates that Rynbrandt mentioned were:
    - January 16th – Kickoff by Mayor Poll during his State of the City address.
    - March 6th – Direct mailing to Absentee Voters.
    - March 7th – Public Presentation at the WSC.

April 22nd or 29th – Saturday informational meeting for voters.

April 28<sup>th</sup> or May 2nd – Evening informational meeting for voters.

- F. GWCRA/City Scholarship Update** – Rynbrandt advised that the GWCRA supports youth scholarships through the Parks and Recreation department so families can apply for a scholarship to be used for any of our programs that are offered in our brochure and that includes any of our programs that are part of our partnership with the KROC Center. The handout provided gave an update of what had been awarded in scholarships and the type of programs that families are seeking scholarships for since July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.
- G. Informational Updates/Materials** –
- **Ideal Park MNRTF Grant** – Rynbrandt informed the Commission that Ideal Park received the \$300,000 Grant award from the MNRTF Trust Fund. Doug Wustman congratulated her on a job well done and thanked her for all her hard work towards obtaining the much needed grant. Rynbrandt and Wustman once again provided Marissa Postler with the background reasons for the need of the grant due to the tornado that struck Ideal Park two years ago and decimated 90% of the trees there and destroyed the playground equipment. Rynbrandt touched on some of the time lines involved in the project stating most likely this will not go out to bid until January or February of 2018 and construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2018.
- H. Commissioner Concerns and Suggestions** – None
- I. Public Comment in General (limit to 3 minutes)** - None
- J. Meeting Adjourned** – The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Next meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission: January 11, 2017.

Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindra L. Barber  
Recording Secretary