

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

### **MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF January 9, 2013**

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Present: Robert Cook, Megan Harley, Oogie LaMar, Alex Smart, Rod VanOeveren, Doug Wustman

Absent: Doug Broek, Eric Hartfield, Aaron Velthouse, Dave Skinner, Rich Pastoor (City Council Liaison)

Guest: Larry Glenn and daughter, Sarah who is a student at South Christian High School

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 7:04 p.m. Welcomed guests.
- B. Approval of Agenda** –A motion was made by Megan Harley to approve the agenda with changes and it was seconded by Oogie LaMar. Motion carried.
- C. Approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of the December 12, 2012 Meeting** – A motion was made by Megan Harley, seconded by Rod VanOeveren to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.
- D. Public Comment on Agenda Item (limit to 3 minutes) – None**
- E. FY 2013-14 Budget**
- Affect of Property Tax and Personal Property Tax Changes – A 4.5% - 5% reduction in property taxes is expected. In addition recent changes to the Personal Property Tax Law are expected to result in a loss of \$40,000 to the fund. The changes will be fully implemented in calendar year 2014. The Healthcare Reform Act is expected to affect the Team 21 program budget. The complexities of the new law are being evaluated.
  - Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) One-time Project Funding Discussions - The Federal Government did a review of historical projects and \$250,000 is available for the City of Wyoming to be spent in the next budget year on one time capital projects. The City Manager's recommendations have been affirmed by the Community Development Block Grant Committee. Discussions have been held with FTCH Engineering Consultants and Pinery Park Little League regarding the proposed projects. The top five recommendations are a Pinery Park restroom/concession facility, followed by Pinery Fitness Trail Equipment, Veteran's Park Arches, WSC Community Room Improvements, and redoing the WSC parking lots.
  - Budget Schedule/Process – The kickoff meeting for staff will be next week. Commissioners may be receiving emails from Rebecca over

the next month for their input on proposed budget otherwise a special meeting will be required since budget is due before the next regularly scheduled commission meeting. The consensus of the commission was for the email form of communication.

- F. Michigan Local Government Benchmarking Consortium Report 2011 –**  
This is the third year that the City of Wyoming has participated in this process. Various indicators do not include the City of Wyoming as we do not receive General Fund Dollars.
- G. The Future of Michigan's Parks and Outdoor Recreation: A report to Governor Rick Snyder –** This report is very important as it influences grants through the Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund. There were some concerns from the commissioners that the West side of Michigan was not represented well on the committee. Overall the report affirmed the work of the City of Wyoming in developing and maintaining our park system and recreation programs. It further affirms the impact of park and recreation services on local economies and community quality of life.
- H. Grants/Informational Items**
- City Council Community Services Report – This report is reflective of the hard work of our departments for the past 10 years. It shows how effective the City of Wyoming has been in collaborating with adjoining communities, schools, and non-profits, consolidating and improving services.
  - Various media articles – Realtors are promoting Parks & Recreation services when listing properties. Persons who are homeless are increasing in the City of Wyoming. Rebecca shared the work that she has been performing as the City's representative to the HUD Continuum of Care (COC) and the Grand Rapids Area Coalition to end Homelessness. The City of Wyoming CDBG committee is recommending up to \$10,000 be allocated to the COC.
- I. Commissioner Concerns and Suggestions – None**
- J. Public Comment in General –** Larry Glenn commented on the homeless situation that he observes near his place of employment.
- J. Motion to Adjourn the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting –**  
Motion to adjourn was made by Rod VanOeveren and seconded by Megan Harley. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Gloria Pelton  
Recording Secretary