

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES FOR THE  
MEETING OF

October 13, 2010

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Present: Rhonda Buck, Bob Cook, Megan Harley, Eric Hartfield, Jerry Hopkins, Dan Lavengood, Dave Skinner, Doug Wustman

Absent: Jim Austin, Rod Van Oeveren

Staff Present: Valarie Brochu, Nancy Parent, Rebecca Rynbrandt

City Council Liaison: Rich Pastoor

**Call to order of the Parks and Recreation Commission** – Chairman Lavengood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda** – Motion was made by Eric Hartfield, seconded by Rhonda Buck to approve the agenda. Carried.

**Approval of the Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of the September 8, 2010 Meeting** - Motion was made by Eric Hartfield, seconded by Rhonda Buck to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2010 meeting. Carried.

**Public Comment on Agenda Item (limit to 3 minutes)** – None.

**Election of Officers** – Chairman Lavengood asked Becky to lead the nominations process for Chairperson. Becky asked if anyone was interested in the Chairman position. Rhonda Buck nominated Dan Lavengood for Chairman, seconded by Eric Hartfield. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed. The vote carried unanimously electing Dan Lavengood Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission for the next year.

Chairman Lavengood asked if anyone was interested in the Vice Chair position. Eric Hartfield nominated Bob Cook for Vice Chair, seconded by Rhonda Buck. No other nominations were made. Nominations were closed. The vote carried unanimously electing Bob Cook for Vice Chair.

Introductions were made around the table.

**Wyoming Parks & Recreation Teen Council** – Chairman Lavengood introduced Valarie Brochu, Recreation Programmer with the Parks and Recreation Department. She reviewed the programs she is responsible for and a little of her history with the city. She encouraged Commissioners to become a fan of our Wyoming Parks and Recreation Department Facebook page. Valarie presides over the Teen Council. She was asked to start a Teen Council as an outcome from the community recreation

master plan. The Teen Council was formed in 2008. Valarie explained the purpose of the council and how the council was developed. The Teen Council partners with the Wyoming Community Foundation acting as its Youth Advisory Committee-YAC with the school and some Teen Council members sit on the at large youth board of the Wyoming Community Youth Coalition. Valarie introduced the Teen Council Executive Board members present at the meeting. The teen board members made the presentation on the Teen Council. Valarie showed two PSA videos about teen drinking entitled "Rethink the Drink". Several Teen Council members were involved in the making of these videos. The teens scripted the videos and they are currently running on You Tube and our Facebook page. A producer in New York has shown interest and is looking to get rights to show them in New York. Valarie opened the floor for questions. Chairman Lavengood thanked the teens for coming tonight. A teen's parent in attendance told the Commission that Valarie works tirelessly and does a wonderful job guiding the teens.

**Wyoming Senior Center Renovation** – Becky explained the concept plan drawings. This project will go to bid in January with the bids returned in February. It will then go to the City Council in March with construction beginning in April. We received \$25,000 from Wyoming Fellowship Club for this project, which will compliment funding from the Community Development Block Grant program and the Parks and Recreation Operational Millage. The total project is estimated at \$150,000.

#### **Capital Projects Update**

**Oriole Park Redevelopment** – This project is complete. We are planning the grand re-opening in the spring. If the ceremony occurs during the week we will want to do something with Oriole Park Elementary School. Becky invited the commissioners to drive by the park if they haven't seen it yet. The hill in the park is a landscape architectural detail but may be used as a sledding hill due to its location and height. This was a request from the neighborhood.

#### **Housekeeping/Informational Items –**

**Restroom/Splashpad/Irrigation Winterization** – Most restrooms are now shut down for the winter and the splashpads have been winterized.

**GWCRA Scholarship Update** – Through this partnership we have had eight families register for our scholarship program. Becky asked the school representatives on the commission to please help us get the word out. The scholarships provide up to 50% off program registration fees of \$5 or more.

**Correspondence – Lights on afterschool** – An invitation was distributed for these events. Becky asked the commissioners to please stop by one of these events if possible.

**Commissioner Concerns and Suggestions** – Rhonda visited Ideal Park on Saturday and took some pictures with her family. She said it is a beautiful park. Becky asked if she would be able to share the photos for our marketing purposes.

Valarie informed the Commission that she is accepting applications for Teen Council members. The age range is 13-18 and they must go to school or reside in Wyoming. She distributed applications and asked that they be forwarded to interested teens.

**Public Comment in General (Limit to 3 minutes) – None.**

**Motion to Adjourn the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting –** Motion to adjourn was made by Megan Harley, seconded by Bob Cook. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Recorded by \_\_\_\_\_  
Nancy Parent  
Recording Secretary