

MINUTES
City of Portland - Parks Advisory Board Meeting
4:00 PM Thursday, February 18, 2010

The regular scheduled Parks Advisory Board Meeting was held on Thursday, February 18, 2010, in the Conference Room at City Hall. Called to order at 4:05 PM. Those in attendance were Bob Gideon, Alan McConnell, Mike Meadows, Lauri Robertson, Marilyn Rodriguez, Parks Director Steve Osborne, Assistant Director Tammy Groves.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Rodriguez and seconded by Meadows to approve the minutes. Motion passed with none opposed.

Approval of Agenda

Osborne added one item to New Business, discussion and possible action on fee structure. Motion was made by Rodriguez and seconded by Robertson to approve the agenda. Motion passed with none opposed.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Old Business

New Business

Life Scout Project

Scout project was presented for review and approval. In particular first “phase”, regarding identifying and labeling trees in trail area of Richland Park. Motion was made by Rodriguez and seconded by McConnell to approve the project. Motion passed with none opposed.

Wall of Fame

Format and procedures for Wall of Fame program was presented and discussed. Motion made by Meadows and seconded by Rodriguez for approval as presented. Motion passed with none opposed.

Planning Project

Planning topics were discussed, focusing primarily on strengths and weaknesses of the Parks and Recreation Department. Facilities and involvement in programs were generally agreed upon as strengths. Weaknesses were identified as lack of funding and facilities in need of repair and restoration, and also the need for tennis courts and a civic center.

The topic of external factors was also discussed. While Osborne presented the anticipated growth of Portland as an opportunity, discussion suggested that actual growth is slow and diminishing. Budget cuts discussed as a major threat.

Fee Structures

Osborne presented increases in fees to increase revenues, citing increases in reservations for pool parties, gym, athletic fields, community center and shelters. Board also presented the idea of increasing player fees paid by the youth sports programs. Motion made by Meadows and seconded by McConnell for approval of increased fee structure as presented. Motion passed with none opposed.

Staff Reports (Steve Osborne, Director)

No report.

Round Table

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54.

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4:00 PM Thursday, June 17, 2010

The regular scheduled Parks Advisory Board Meeting was held on Thursday, June 17, 2010, in the Conference Room at City Hall. Called to order at 4:03 PM. Those in attendance were Bob Gideon, Alan McConnell, Mike Meadows, Marilyn Rodriguez, Parks Director Steve Osborne.

Approval of Minutes

Motion was made by Rodriguez and seconded by McConnell to approve the minutes. Motion passed with none opposed.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Meadows and seconded by McConnell to approve the agenda. Motion passed with none opposed.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Old Business

Wall of Fame

Osborne reported that the Wall of Fame nomination period passed May 31, with no nominations. Osborne expressed surprise at the apathy and lack of interest in a program designed to recognize people who have donated so much time to the park and programs. Some discussion continued on the manner of notifying the public, and it was noted that the information was sent to the newspapers, posted on the website and at the office, and also sent directly to the administration of every civic club.

New Business

Halloween 2010

Osborne reported that Halloween fell on a Sunday this year, and it was not uncommon for communities to move the formal celebration to the prior Saturday in this case. The board was asked to consider a recommendation to Council to formally move the City of Portland celebration of Halloween, with all formal celebration (including “trick or treat” in the community, as well as the Parks Department program “Trick or Treat on Main” to Saturday, October 30).

Motion was made by McConnell and seconded by Rodriguez to recommend that the formal celebration for Halloween in 2010 in the City of Portland be moved to October 30. Motion passed with none opposed.

Staff Reports (Steve Osborne, Director)

Osborne distributed last 3 monthly reports prepared for council and minutes of Parks Committee meetings for 2010 for review. Also review some of the events and programs in the park over the spring, including the concert, softball tournaments, local league play, movie in the park, and the pool season.

Round Table

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.