

# SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

## MINUTES September 8, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Chairperson Olando.

Present: Dianne Beagle  
Keith McCormick  
Mike Olando  
Jeff Thompson  
Erica Wilson

Kristen Delaney – City of South Lyon

Absent: Ed McCloud

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion by Wilson, supported by Thompson, to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2010 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Agenda** – McCloud requested (via email) that a discussion regarding the pumpkins to be donated by Ken Hamblin be added as an agenda item. Motion by Wilson, supported by Thompson, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

**Citizen Comments** – None

### I. OLD BUSINESS

**1. Labor Day Bridge Walk** – Commissioners were pleased that about 120 people participated in the walk in spite of the questionable weather. This year, a donation box and a suggestion box were displayed on the registration table. Many positive comments were received (summary attached) and \$91.00 was collected in donations. Commissioners discussed improvements for next year:

- Place an ad in the SLARA catalog which is distributed to residents in late August
- Place an ad on the WHMI website and request that it be mentioned on the air
- Alternate the starting loop, beginning with the downtown loop next year
- Have a megaphone and digital camera available
- File a donation request for water and granola bars with Busch's by August 1<sup>st</sup>
- Request that DPW drive the route and pick up trash 1-2 days prior to the walk

**2. Eagle Scout Projects** – Beagle stated that the project involving painting the white, wooden bridge in McHattie Park has been reinstated. Scout Danny Ridgemont will be tackling this as his Eagle Project. He plans to scrape and paint the bridge and plant additional shrubs near each end. Commissioners unanimously approved this project.

**3. Junior League Baseball** – Discussions between Paul Dolan and Don Beagle are ongoing. The subcommittee will meet later this fall to discuss the McHattie Park field in detail.

**4. Parks & Recreation Funding** –Thompson contacted Melissa Prowse at Oakland County Parks. Ms. Prowse offered to identify potential sources of matching funds that the Commission might qualify for. Thompson will send Ms. Prowse a copy of the Commission's powerpoint presentation outlining the long term plans for McHattie Park to help her understand what the funds will be used for. Thompson will follow up with a discussion with Ms. Prowse and report back to the Commission.

**5. Brooksie Way Mini-Grant** – Beagle reported that the Commission was awarded a grant of \$250 to be used for the Jingle Bell Walk. It was one of eleven grants that were awarded and the review committee was impressed that the Commission was promoting a walk during the winter. The Jingle Bell Walk was deemed "innovative". When the signed grant contract is returned to the County, a check for \$250 will be presented to the Commission.

## **II. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Jingle Bell Walk** - This year's walk will be held at 9:30 am on Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>. Its name will remain the same even though the city-wide event's name has been changed from Holiday Jingle to Cool Yule. Details regarding the walk will be finalized at the Commission's October and November meetings.

**2. Pumpkins** - Ken Hamblin had stated that he would still donate pumpkins to the Commission to be sold as a fundraiser. McCloud relayed questions Mr. Hamblin had regarding the number and delivery of pumpkins. Commissioners decided to sell pumpkins at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Farmers Markets and possibly during Pumpkinfest. Thompson offered his trailer for pumpkin pick-up and sales. Commissioners agreed to display a banner or sign stating that Mr. Hamblin had donated the pumpkins and all proceeds would go toward improving City parks. Orlando will contact McCloud and Mr. Hamblin to obtain information regarding pumpkin availability dates, pumpkin sizes and numbers, location for pick-up and report back via email to Commissioners. Beagle will file necessary paperwork to register for a booth at the Farmers Markets. Commissioners agreed that the price of the pumpkins should be relatively low to encourage sales to benefit the parks.

## **III. Commission Comments – None**

**IV. Adjournment** – Motion by Wilson, supported by McCormick, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming meetings/events:      September 22 – Pumpkin sale at Farmer’s Market  
September 29 – Pumpkin sale at Farmer’s Market  
October 13  
November 10  
December 4 – Jingle Bell Walk  
December 8

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Olando, Chairperson

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Dianne Beagle, Secretary

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