SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES February 8, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairperson Olando.

Present: Dianne Beagle Keith McCormick Mike Olando Jeff Thompson

Kristen Delaney – City of South Lyon

Absent: Ed McLoud Erica Wilson

Approval of Agenda – Delaney requested that item I. City-Wide Spring Clean Up Day be added to the agenda. Motion by Thompson, supported by McCormick, to approve the agenda, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Thompson, supported by McCormick, to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2012 Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments - None

I. OLD BUSINES

1. Junior League Baseball Field Update – The bowling fundraiser was successful in raising almost \$4000. The League membership voted to approve a one-time registration fee increase to raise approximately \$20,000 toward the ball field improvements. The Commission's baseball field subcommittee will meet with Mr. Spaller and Mr. Whitcomb in the next several weeks to begin planning and obtaining quotes. At the March meeting, Commissioners will begin to develop a presentation of the project for City Council.

2. Eagle Scout Project Update – No new information available.

3. Signage at McHattie and Volunteer Parks – Beagle stated that the City Clerk Julie Zemke has obtained quotes for the signs and the preliminary design would be emailed to everyone as soon as it was available. The sign design would be similar to the existing signs in the downtown area and would have a removable panel containing the rules, covered by a removable clear lexan panel for protection. Two signs would be ordered for McHattie Park and one for Volunteer. Ms. Zemke requested that the Commission recommend a spot for the sign placement in Volunteer Park. Commissioners agreed that in order for most of the park visitors to view the sign, it should be installed along the right side of the park entrance road within a few feet of the park sign garden area.

4. Sand for Volleyball Courts – Delaney provided a quote from Rose Excavating that the DPW had obtained for sand and bulldozing. She stated the Bob Martin, DPW Superintendent, will examine the courts to determine how urgent the need for sand is. This sand was not included in the current City budget and will need to be added to the next budget year which begins in July.

5. Snowflake Stroll – In spite of an extensive advertising campaign, there were no participants besides Commissioners so the Stroll was cancelled. It was suggested that the winter walking event be aligned with Cool Yule celebration to receive additional publicity and increase participation. Commissioners expressed their desire to continue to offer a winter activity for families, which is supported by L. Brooks Patterson and the Brooksie Way Mini-Grants. Commissioners were in favor of sponsoring a Family Sledding Party at McHattie Park next winter.

6. Grants – Delaney will research the Detroit Tigers grant to see if it could benefit the ball field project. Beagle will begin the application process for a Brooksie Way Mini-Grant to help fund the sledding event.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Park Walk-Throughs – The McHattie Park walk-through, followed by that for Volunteer Park, will take place immediately after the April 11, 2012 Commission meeting. Motion by Thompson, supported by McCormick, to move the meeting start time to 6:00 pm to allow additional time for the walk-throughs. Motion carried unanimously.

2. City-Wide Clean Up Day – Delaney stated that the second annual cleanup day is tentatively scheduled for Saturday May 19th. Commissioners are requested to identify projects that might be tackled by volunteers on this day. Improving the visibility of the entrance to Volunteer Park and removing the graffiti and painting/sealing the new picnic tables in the McHattie Park gazebo were two projects that all agreed upon. Ideas for additional projects will be discussed at the next meeting as well as following the park walk-throughs.

III. Commission Comments - None

IV. Adjournment – Motion by Thompson, supported by McCormick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming meetings/events:

March 14 April 11 6:00 pm meeting & park walk-throughs May 9 June 13 July 11

Submitted by:

Michael Olando, Chairperson

Dianne Beagle, Secretary