

**SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
September 11, 2013**

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

Present: Dianne Beagle  
Ed McCloud  
Mike Orlando  
Jeff Thompson  
Erica Wilson

Debbie Nogle – City of South Lyon  
Carl Richards – Resident

Absent: Keith McCormick  
Amy Allen – South Lyon Area Recreation Authority

**Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Thompson, supported by McCloud, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes** – Motion by McCloud, supported by Thompson, to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2013 Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The August 14th Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

**Citizen Comments** – Mr. Richards stated that he had new information regarding two subjects he had spoken about at a previous Commission meeting. The first item was regarding the repaving of the McHattie Park north parking lot. Mr. Richards stated that this is not in the City's budget for this fiscal year, as he had presented earlier. The second item was in regards to a crabapple tree on the Historical Village side of McHattie Park. The Historical Commission had voted to cut this tree down, however Mr. Richards believes that the Commission should evaluate the possibility of moving the tree first. It is a beautiful tree that should be saved if possible. Commissioners thanked Mr. Richards for taking the time to present this updated information.

**SLARA Updates** – None

## **I. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Eagle Scout Projects Update** – Beagle stated that the project to improve the entrance from the McHattie Park north parking lot into the playground area has been completed. The weedy area in the center of the walkway has been filled

with decorative brick pavers and rectangular beds of mulch were installed around the trees and posts on either side of the opening in the concrete wall. Four additional projects are in the works to beautify the four sides of the concrete wall as well as reduce maintenance. Each project will consist of removing a strip of grass, planting 40-50 daylilies along the wall and installing mulch.

**2. Community Center Committee Update** – City Council member Mike Kramer provided a brief update. In August, the Committee approved an architectural firm to provide a conceptual design that would not exceed the Committee's \$15 million cap. A site has been located and the Committee has been meeting with the property owners. Committee members have also been discussing a millage to provide funding for the center. Residents who live within the South Lyon School District boundaries would be voting on the millage and would be the ones served by the center.

**3. Volunteer Park** – Orlando stated that he had been out to the park and the trails look good. The City has been doing a good job of maintaining them. McCloud stated that the farmer's fields have not been disturbed any more.

## II. NEW BUSINESS

**1. Labor Day Bridge Walk Recap** – This year's walk was the most successful one ever. Over 100 people participated, including ten from the South Lyon Home for Compassionate Care being guided or pushed in their wheelchairs. The funding provided by sponsors this year paid for additional advertising as well as great t-shirts. Many participants answered the questionnaire and a summary of the responses is attached. Several suggestions will be incorporated into next year's walk. Commissioners also discussed sending a personalized invitation to the South Lyon Home for the walk next year. Commissioners expressed thanks to Debbie Nogle for her work in obtaining the sponsors and organizing the walk this year. Orlando stated that the Commission should send thank you notes to the sponsors and inform them how their support made the walk so successful. Beagle will create a draft and send it to all Commissioners for review.

**2. Parks & Recreation Master Plan** – The master plan is required to be updated every five years and this year is the fifth year for the previous plan. Commissioners asked Nogle if she could report on how the City Master Plan was progressing and if the Parks & Rec Master Plan was being addressed. Wilson stated that a section of the Parks & Rec plan is completed by the Commission and that Commissioners need to be included in the entire update process. Nogle stated that there had been changes in the planning firms working on the master plans and the status was in flux. Nogle will bring an update to the next Commission meeting.

**3. Parks & Recreation Commission Updates** – Commissioners discussed the idea of providing regular updates on Commission accomplishments, plans and needs to City Council. Commissions agreed to create quarterly reports to be placed in Council member meeting packets. The first such report will be

submitted to the first Council meeting in October.  
Commissioners also agreed to create a standing agenda item to discuss these updates and plan the quarterly reports.

**4. Election of Officers** – Tabled until the October meeting or until all Commissioners are in attendance.

**III. Commission Comments** – None

**IV. Adjournment** – Motion by Wilson supported by Thompson, to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming meetings/events:      October 9  
   November 13  
   December 11

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

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Dianne Beagle, Secretary