

SOUTH LYON PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES November 12, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Chairperson Orlando.

Present: Brandy Adam
Dianne Beagle
Alex Clark
Keith McCormick
Mike Orlando
Denise Semion
Erica Wilson

Amy Allen – South Lyon Area Recreation Authority

Absent: Kristen Delaney – City of South Lyon

New Commissioner Introduction – Denise Semion introduced herself as the newest Commissioner, filling the newly created seventh seat. She was sworn in by the Mayor this week. Commissioners welcomed her and briefly explained the function of the Commission and meeting procedures.

Approval of Agenda – Motion by Clark, supported by McCormick, to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – Motion by Wilson, supported by Clark, to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2014 Commission meeting. The October meeting had been cancelled. Motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Comments – None

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. SLARA Updates – Allen reported that the annual Candy Cane Hunt will be held December 6th at McHattie Park. She is still in need of volunteers if any Commissioners would like to help. February 6, 2015 is the Daddy/Daughter Dance at Millennium Middle School and the Mom/Son Superhero Dance will be held March 13, 2015. The SLARA winter brochure will be mailed at the beginning of December. The deadline for inclusion in the spring brochure is February 2015 and Allen suggested that the Commission should submit information on the Labor Day Bridge Walk for publication.

Allen stated that the SLARA Facebook page is a very popular source of information.

2. Eagle Scout Project Updates – The planting project in McHattie Park is scheduled for this Saturday at 11:00 am. The project should be completed in a few hours.

3. Community Center Committee Update – Allen reported that the Committee’s next meeting will be November 17th. A proposal has been submitted by the owner of Total Sports to enter a joint venture with the Committee and the participating communities. The meeting will be devoted to discussion of this proposal to build and operate a community center/sports center on the Cattails Golf Course site.

4. Field Reservations & City Park Use Policy – The Commission is waiting for updated documents from the City’s attorney in order to approve the new policies and procedures so SLARA may begin implementation of them. Orlando will contact Kristen Delaney to inquire about the status of the documents and request that updated versions be emailed to all Commissioners as soon as possible. Commissioners will review and provide comments in December and vote on final documents at the January meeting. Commissioners agreed it may be necessary to hold a special meeting in December to discuss these documents.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Parks and Recreation Master Plan – Orlando stated that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan was presented to City Council by Mark Russell of Russell Design. He did not know what Council’s feedback was or if they voted to approve the Master Plan. Orlando will contact Delaney and request copies of the new Master Plan for all Commissioners.

2. Volunteer Park Field Plan Update – Orlando stated that a meeting is scheduled for Monday November 24th at Millennium Middle School. Representatives from the South Lyon Panthers, South Lyon Junior League, South Lyon Lacrosse, Matcats Wrestling, South Lyon Pom Pon, and other interested groups will be in attendance. Mark Russell, who worked with these parties to create the initial design, will also attend. Plans have been revised and fundraising has taken place. The group would like the first phase of the project to begin construction as soon as possible. Orlando was invited to attend and represent the Commission but he has a conflict. Wilson will attend in his place and report back to Commissioners.

3. Cancellation of the December Commission Meeting – Should the City’s annual Holiday Gathering be held on the same day as the Commission meeting, December 10th, it will be necessary to cancel that meeting. Motion by Wilson, supported by Clark, to cancel the December meeting if it conflicts with the Gathering. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Commission Comments – None

IV. Adjournment – Motion by Wilson, supported by McCormick, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

