

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2009

TIME & PLACE The Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico met in Regular Session in full conformity with the law and ordinances of said Board at the Recreation Department Building, 2800 S. Broadway, Truth or Consequences, New Mexico, on Tuesday the 6th of October, 2009 at 6:00 PM.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Greg D'Amour, Chairman, and Ellen Lindsey acted as secretary of the meeting.

ATTENDANCE: Upon calling the roll the following members were reported present:

Greg D'Amour, Chairman
Carole Wheeler, Member
Julie Durham, Member
Millie McLeod, Member

Also Present:

Ed Ragsdale, Recreation Director
Nola Kent, DWI Coordinator
Ellen Lindsey, Deputy City Clerk

Absent:

Charles Lucero, Vice-Chairman

QUORUM: There being a quorum present the Board proceeded with the business at hand.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Greg D'Amour, Chairman, called for approval of the Agenda with the addition of Richard and Joseph Urbach presentation under #6 Tennis Courts.

“Carole Wheeler moved to approve the agenda as amended.”

Seconded by Julie Durham.
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Greg D'Amour, Chairman, called for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held Tuesday, September 15, 2009.

“Julie Durham moved to approve the minutes from as presented.”

Seconded by Millie McLeod.
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

DWI/YOUTH CENTER UPDATE: Nola Kent advised of the Halloween Party at the Youth Center with a cake walk, games, haunted house, and prizes. The admission will be a can of food or non-perishable food item which will be donated to the food bank.

Julie Durham advised there will be an independent film festival at the Senior Recreation Center on Foch Street at the same time.

Nola Kent advised there will be a DWI meeting on Thursday, October 15th at 3:30 pm at Hodges Restaurant. The DWI Symposium was attended by thirty-three (33) counties. The Appletree Afterschool Sierra County will be referred to Wendy Evanson and the TOPS program.

PROPOSED
MISSION
STATEMENT:

Millie McLeod read the proposed mission statement.

The board discussed the addition of wording about fiscal responsibility. The mission statement was amended as follows:

“The volunteers serving on the Recreation Advisory Board shall open their minds to the needs of the citizens and visitors to the City of Truth or Consequences and to the City Recreation and Parks Director to provide support, offer assistance, evaluate needs, review available resources and make recommendations from their findings to the City of Truth or Consequences City Commissioners for their consideration and action.”

“Julie Durham motioned to accept the Mission Statement as amended.”

Seconded by Millie McLeod.

Julie Durham suggested the mission statement be included as part of the packet to new board members.

Motion carried unanimously.

NEEDS
ASSESSMENT/
RECREATION
DEPARTMENT
UPDATE:
Swimming Pool
Cover-Mitchell
Presentation

Destiny Mitchell advised she and Ed Ragsdale are still collecting information to present to the City Commission on parts, labor, projected budget and the pool cover.

Greg D’Amour commented that the City has proposals from three different architects that include some of the work needed at the swimming pool.

Ed Ragsdale advised the City Manager was looking at the pool cover, ventilation system, etc. and not upgrading some of the mechanical issues that need to be done to keep the pool open. The deck must be re-done with anchors for the cover, new drains and renovation of the baby pool. Thursday morning Destiny, Facility Maintenance and I will meet with Pool Pro to discuss these issues. Destiny and I will compile cost estimates, priorities and phases for running the pool year round.

Greg D’Amour suggested when all the information is compiled the Board call a special meeting and get public input before we present this to the City Commission.

Tennis Courts-
Richard & Joseph
Urbach

Ed Ragsdale advised he met with a construction consulting firm about the needs of the tennis courts. This firm recommended two new courts with post-tension concrete over the existing courts.

Greg D’Amour asked Ed Ragsdale to locate the previous tennis court bids so we do not duplicate efforts. There have been discussions about asphalt versus post-tension that need to be reviewed.

Richard and Joseph Urbach from the TOPS program asked if the un-used tennis courts could be cleaned up and used as a temporary basketball court with portable hoops. The location is centrally located.

Greg D'Amour advised the City has a requirement of maintaining four (4) tennis courts.

Steve Green advised he had spoken to Jaime Aguilera about this issue. Jaime Aguilera agreed that cleaning up the two locked tennis courts and putting up portable hoops for a temporary basketball court until the resurfacing project is ready to start sounded like a good idea.

Greg D'Amour advised Ed Ragsdale to contact Chris Pappas from the Tennis Club and ask their opinion on this temporary usage.

Louis Armijo
Complex - Ball
Field Lighting

Ed Ragsdale explained a proposal from DTS to replace the lighting at the large ball field. The budget for ball field lighting is approximately \$280,000 and this quote is for \$257,000. There is a twenty-five (25) year maintenance agreement, they monitor the system and send out a technician if needed. This is green, energy efficient lighting and they are on state contract.

Greg D'Amour stated he was not happy with the placement of the poles. It will be impossible for the ball field to double as a full-size soccer/football field which is in the future plans. If you develop the land behind the building you will be adding additional lighting, sprinklers, using more water, etc. I think we should put all the fields together. Also, we have received several similar lighting bids in the past with a smaller price tag.

Ed Ragsdale asked the Board to review the packet and decide whether it should go to the City Commission for approval.

Julie Durham stated if we have a recreation plan maybe we need to modify the plan.

After discussion the Board asked Ed Ragsdale to get additional quotes for the lighting.

Bleachers

Ed Ragsdale stated the current bleachers do not conform to OSHA standards for safety. A company on state contract, AK Sales & Consulting, Inc., quoted \$32,771 for 8 new bleachers 5 feet high by 15 feet long, aluminum with railing; installation would be \$6,000 more. This money would have to come out of the recreation loan. Ed Ragsdale asked for a recommendation from the Board to go to the City Commission for approval.

Greg D'Amour asked Ed Ragsdale to get two more quotes and the enabling law showing non-compliance with OSHA regulations.

“Millie McLeod motioned for Ed Ragsdale present the proposal for new bleachers to the City Commission.”

Seconded by Carole Wheeler.
Motion carried unanimously.

CALENDAR OF
EVENTS:
Arena

Ed Ragsdale stated the Arena is being used during the County Fair for the 4H Junior horse show, gymkhana, showmanship, a ranch horse competition and a ranch rodeo competition.

Swimming Pool The swimming pool will close Friday, October 9th.
Soccer Soccer cancelled last weekend due to flooding. Otherwise it has been running smoothly.

DISCUSSION/
OTHER
BUSINESS:
City Park Usage
Policy Ed Ragsdale stated there is a rental agreement for City Parks for commercial purpose use. Non-profit organizations are not required to complete the rental agreement.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned.

APPROVAL: PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2009, on motion duly made by _____, and seconded by _____, and carried.

Greg D'Amour, Chairman