

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO  
REGULAR MEETING  
\*AMENDED\*  
December 01, 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 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 2009 at 6:00 PM.

PRESIDING OFFICER:      The meeting was called to order by Greg D'Amour, Chairman, and Judy Harris 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  
Destiny Mitchell, Pool Manager  
Ellen Lindsey, Deputy City Clerk  
Judy Harris, Deputy City Clerk

Absent:

Nola Kent, DWI Coordinator

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.

“Julie Durham moved to approve the agenda as presented.”

Seconded by Millie McLeod.  
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:      Greg D'Amour, Chairman, called for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held Tuesday, November 03, 2009.

“Carole Wheeler moved to approve the minutes as presented.”

Seconded by Julie Durham.  
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:      None.

DWI/YOUTH CENTER UPDATE:      Nola Kent absent, no discussion.

# TAPE MALFUNCTION

NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT/  
RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT  
UPDATE:  
List of Recreation  
Needs

Ed Ragsdale did a presentation of The Armijo Park Master Plan. Items that were discussed covered Louis Armijo Sports Complex, Ralph Edwards Park, Louis Armijo Family Park, the Rodeo Arena, Pool Park, Tennis Complex and the Swimming Pool. Copy of Recreation needs attached and made apart hereof.

Master Plan:

Ed advised that the Retention Pond is only usable for irrigation at this time. The land adjacent to the Fair Grounds was brought into discussion, regarding the possibility of future use as a covered arena. It was noted that when considering the use of the land, a joint agreement with County would be necessary.

Swimming Pool:

Destiny Mitchell made a presentation to the board regarding the Swimming Pool. Presentation paperwork was distributed for discussion. Copy attached and made apart hereof. Information included expenses for the 2009 year, salary for Manager and 4 person staff. A five month projection of \$61,440 from May to October. Destiny explained the pool expenses for the 2009/2010 year.

Ed Ragsdale advised that part of the regulations is that the wall can not be any closer than 4 ft to the edge of the pool. The back side of the wall has to allow at least a 6' arc, for emergency reasons. Overhead clearance will be required for life guard raised stands. Currently two stands are used, one is approximately 6ft high and the second is about 2 to 3 foot high. The overhead clearance is required to allow for a clear view to the bottom of the pool. The choice of cover will be the deciding factor that a wall will be needed. There are several items that have to be done since the pool was refurbished in 1998.

CALENDAR OF  
EVENTS:  
Christmas Lights

Ed Ragsdale reported that City personnel are working on Christmas lighting. The Lighting ceremony will be on December 11, 2009, at 6 pm Evelyn Renfro Park at City Hall.

DISCUSSION/  
OTHER  
BUSINESS:  
Recreation Loan

Julie Durham requested a review of the contract with NCA, to see if the contract wording has any exclusivity to future developments to any recreational facility that were mentioned in the planning contract. It was requested that Ellen Lindsey meet with the new city finance officer, Ina Wolfe, regarding the Municipal Court Building and Recreation Loan expenditures.

Carole stated that she thought the expense for the Municipal Building came out of the old loan, before the new loan paid it off. Per Carole, she was told by Jaime that the loan was to cover recreation facilities and public buildings. Carole would like to look at the loan agreement.

Greg D'Amore reiterated this is another example of needing to put together a plan to present to the City Commission, one that is energy wise efficient and concise. It was mentioned that \$72,287.21 had already been spent out of the loan for security cameras.

Julie mentioned that we had 2.2 million in the loan, it cost about \$200,000 to do the loans again, then some of the money was spent from the loan went to security cameras and the building of the Municipal Courts.

Ellen or Judy will get with Ina Wolfe for more accurate numbers, and a copy of the NCA contract for the next meeting.

Public Input:

Millie McLeod asked about the temporary basketball court at the tennis courts. It was mentioned that no one has been contacted by the Urbach boys. Millie volunteered to call the Tennis Club, possibly Chris Pappas.

Greg will also contact Tennis club officers for more information.

Millie asked Ed if the Security cameras have made a difference in vandalism at Ralph Edwards Park.

Per Ed, the camera is effective in catching the vandals in the act, and then a police report is made. He also mentioned that we now have a new Police Chief, who with the Court systems is working together on how to handle the destruction of public property. Ed has people working on graffiti at the fish pond; he has items on order for the needed clean up.

Carole Wheeler asked if the City has received any applications for the vacant position on the board. None had been submitted. Julie recommends that someone from the Rodeo crowd attend future meetings, to address the needs of the Rodeo community. Ed Ragsdale will speak to the representatives from the Team Roping Association and New Mexico State Barrel Racing Association of District 5.

Julie also recommends that someone from the Rodeo community take the empty position on the board.

Greg D'Amour suggested that there be several work shops scheduled in January, in which Public Comments may be used to finalize a working Master Plan.

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.

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Greg D'Amour, Chairman