

City of Truth or Consequences
Recreation Advisory Board
Minutes of the regular meeting
March 2, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by Chairman, Greg D'Amour

Those in attendance were:

Greg D'Amour, Chair
Carole Wheeler, Vice Chair/Secretary
Christie Conklin, Board Member
Jeni Neely, Board Member
Ingo Hoepfner, Board Member

Also in attendance were O.J. Hechler, Parks & Rec. Dept. Manager, Kyle Blacklock, Swimming Pool Manager,

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was approved with a motion by Carole Wheeler and a second by Jeni Neely.

The minutes of the meeting held February 3, 2020 were approved with one correction by a motion by Christie Conklin, and a second by Carole Wheeler.

Comments from the Public:

Brandon Collins - Mr. Collins offered a proposal to the Board to establish a "disc golf" course in the City. He discussed his experience with disc golf and the fact that many cities where he has visited had multiple courses and even established leagues with tournaments. Chairman D'Amour encouraged him to research the areas he deems suitable for establishing a course and to please return to the Rec Board with some options to present to the City Commission.

Chris Ontiveros - Mr. Ontiveros mentioned the current operation of the softball league. He discussed a change in the league board personnel and its resumption of drawing up guidelines in accordance with USAAA sanctioning. He reported there are already 6 teams signed up for this season. There are some problematic issues with the park lights required to be shut off at 11pm, and their need to mark the location of the sprinkler heads on that field in order to prevent player injuries and broken sprinkler heads.

Recreation Department Needs Assessment Update

Swimming Pool Update - Kyle Blacklock advised that the pool is now closed and that its re-opening date is questionable. He and City Manager, Morris Madrid, have been working with an engineering company to determine the exact condition of the pool, and what future changes may be needed. The engineers have not responded as of this date.

Dog Park Update - Carole Wheeler discussed an up-coming fundraising event at the dog park with proceeds benefiting the areas' animal welfare organizations.

Ball field and Parks Update - O.J. Hechler presented an updated landscape demolition plan for the Ralph Edwards Park. The actual ground breaking will begin March 9, 2020. He also gave the Board an update on the Soft Ball field, "A" Field, and the "T" ball field. He also addressed some of Chris Ontiveros' concerns regarding the soft ball field and lighting issues.

Other Discussion - None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 with a motion by Christie Conklin and a second by Carole Wheeler.