

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

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 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 South Broadway of said City on Tuesday the 7th day of July, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

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
Charles Lucero, Vice-Chairman
Carole Wheeler, Member
Julie Durham, Member
Millie McLeod, Member

Also Present:

Peter Baca, Parks & Recreation
Nola Kent, DWI Coordinator
Ellen Lindsey, Deputy City Clerk

Absent:

Ed Ragsdale, Recreation Director

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.

“Charles Lucero 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, June 2, 2009.

“Carole Wheeler moved to approve the minutes from June 2, 2009 as presented.”

Seconded by Julie Durham.
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Linda Phillips, representing RoofUs, explained she met with Carole Wheeler in November and created a wish list for the swimming pool: cover, bulkhead, parking, bathhouse, etc. Linda has since met with Jaime Aguilera and Steve Green about the high cost of a pool cover estimate and wondered if the wish list impacted that cost. Linda stated she met with Steve Green and gave him copies of all the information gathered by RoofUs. They discussed different options for the pool cover and Steve Green was going to look at the pool in Las Cruces.

Greg D'Amour assured Linda the Commissioners are investigating options and working towards covering the swimming pool. The items on the wish list are probably not the majority of cost involved with covering the pool.

The RoofUs group obtained the original grant for \$100,000 dollars. Part of the grant has been spent for architectural costs.

DWI/YOUTH
CENTER
UPDATE:

Nola Kent stated the Youth Center is open four nights a week now with a lot of attendance: TOPS program, karate for kids and adults, Appletree bringing kids once a week to skate.

Julie Durham asked if Appletree is charged a fee for using the Youth Center.

Nola Kent stated they have asked for a minimum \$20 dollar donation from Appletree.

Nola Kent stated National Night Out will be August 4th at Ralph Edwards Park from about 4:00 pm until dark. National Night Out is open to anyone who would like to participate. There will be a DWI Symposium in September at the Civic Center.

Charles Lucero asked if the Youth Center was hosting the summer lunch program.

Nola Kent advised no: The Club and Appletree had the summer lunch program.

NEEDS
ASSESSMENT/
RECREATION
DEPARTMENT
UPDATE:
Swimming Pool

Peter Baca did not have an update on the swimming pool.

Carole Wheeler asked if the chemicals and equipment are all working properly.

Linda Phillips replied yes. Destiny Mitchell has been re-hired as the pool manager. Destiny is a good manager and makes the schedule around the needs of the swimmers.

Greg D'Amour reiterated that Destiny does listen to the people and keeps an orderly pool.

CALENDAR OF
EVENTS: Arena

Peter Baca advised the arena is being used quite a lot; 4-H is using the arena on a regular basis.

Softball

Men's league softball started last night. Men play on Monday and Wednesday three games a night. The women's league starts next Tuesday. They will play Tuesday and Thursday three games every night.

Julie Durham asked about lighting at the fields.

Peter Baca advised half of the lights are working. The other half still need to be fixed. The electric department now has a bucket truck that will reach the lights so we will schedule replacing the lights with them.

Julie Durham remarked that there seemed to be huge participation on game nights; the parking lot is full.

Peter Baca advised last night all three fields had games until 10:00 pm.

Millie McLeod asked if energy saving bulbs were being used and if

there were plans to use solar lighting in the future.

Greg D'Amour advised the NCA proposal covers lighting at the fields. Also, when the lights were first put in they were state of the art, now we have problems just getting replacement light bulbs.

Baseball

Peter Baca advised T-ball ended last night. The majors and minors are still playing for another two weeks then they will start tournaments. They are hosting the championship game with Hatch this year.

Nola Kent asked who to contact with 4-H.

Greg D'Amour advised Mr. Lyons at the extension office.

DISCUSSION/
OTHER
BUSINESS:
Tennis Court
Proposal – NCA
Architects

Greg D'Amour explained the NCA proposal for the tennis courts has been distributed to everyone. There is also another proposal from Southwest Sports Surfaces that Chris Pappas presented.

Chris Pappas advised she submitted the proposal from Southwest Sports Surfaces about a year ago to the City Commission and City Manager. The proposal was for under \$200,000 dollars to remove the old courts, replace them and resurface the new courts.

Greg D'Amour asked about the difference between a cement and asphalt court.

Chris Pappas advised post tension concrete is on the two newer courts and after thirteen years there are still no cracks; they are just ready to be resurfaced. Asphalt will expand and contract causing cracks and requiring more maintenance. The tennis club keeps repairing the nets waiting for the courts to be replaced. The City did remove the backboard from the older courts that had fallen and cleaned the courts. Those older courts are still condemned but they look much better now.

Peter Baca advised the tennis courts are on the Parks Department schedule now to maintain.

Chris Pappas stated the tennis club is willing to have work days to help maintain the grounds and tennis courts. She further advised the light at the entry gate is broken and the light in the far left corner is hanging down and shines on the fence.

Peter Baca advised he would take care of the lights.

Julie Durham asked if there was any runoff from the community garden during the recent rains.

Chris Pappas advised it has not been a problem. Chris Pappas spoke of the one tennis court in Hillsboro where tennis lessons are given and a tournament was held last weekend. The tournaments that have been held in Truth or Consequences always attracted people from surrounding cities; Las Cruces, Socorro. The tennis club has hosted fund raisers in the past; we give back to the community.

Carole Wheeler advised at the City Commission meeting when the NCA proposal was presented Commissioner Green stated the tennis club needs to be involved in the decisions.

Chris Pappas advised she was told the architect would make a presentation to the Recreation Board and the Board would contact me to be at the meeting.

Greg D'Amour advised that is the plan.

Chris Pappas stated the NCA proposal includes restrooms, picnic table with grills, water fountain etc. We do not want any of these extra things. We want post tension concrete on the courts. We don't need a new covered shade structure; the one already there is fine. We would like to have our bleachers back; they were put on the soccer field and never returned.

Julie Durham stated when you take out the extras and compare the two proposals they are about the same cost.

Carole Wheeler stated the goal seems to be to build the tennis courts for tennis players.

Greg D'Amour thanked Chris Pappas for her input and information.

Peter Baca assured Chris Pappas he would contact the electric department and have them schedule the repair of lights at the tennis courts.

Carole Wheeler asked for an updated board roster.

Millie McLeod explained the shallow ditch with rock between the community garden and the tennis courts to help prevent run off.

The board discussed drainage and water issues relating to the tennis courts and the durability of post-tension concrete.

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