

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 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 4th day of August, 2009 at 6:00 P.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER: The meeting was called to order by Charles Lucero, Vice-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  
Ellen Lindsey, Deputy City Clerk

Absent:

Ed Ragsdale, Recreation Director  
Nola Kent, DWI Coordinator

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Charles Lucero, Vice-Chairman, called for approval of the Agenda.

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

Seconded by Millie McLeod.  
Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Charles Lucero, Vice-Chairman, called for approval of the Minutes of the Regular meeting held Tuesday, July 7, 2009.

“Julie Durham moved to approve the minutes from July 7, 2009 as presented.”

Seconded by Carole Wheeler.  
Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Steve Green explained he was aware of the concerns regarding the swimming pool. Steve Green and the City Manager met with Linda Phillips, Jane Green, and Destiny Mitchell and talked about other options for the pool cover. One of the options is a cover similar to the Las Cruces pool. Through talking to Las Cruces Facilities Management and the City Architect they were able to contact American Space Frame Fabricators in Ocala, Florida and were obtaining more detailed information. Steve Green ensured the Recreation Board the City Commission and City Manager are working

on this issue.

Steve Green described the framework, cover, doors and ventilation at the Las Cruces pool. Their framework and cover has been in place for thirteen years; the cover was replaced after ten years and there was no evidence of deterioration on the metal framework.

Steve Green recommended the RoofUs group talk to The Bountiful Alliance about writing a grant for matching funds with the Bountiful Alliance as the fiscal applicant.

Carole Wheeler asked if there was a cost estimate for this cover.

Steve Green explained because there was not one company that built the entire project, estimates are coming in from several sources. The metalwork alone is about \$125,000 dollars. Now we are looking at the cost of roll up doors, the heaters, the ventilation system, etc.

HEALING  
WATERS TRAIL:

Merry Jo Fahl explained the healing waters trail project. This is a three mile walking trail starting at Geronimo Springs Museum to the hot springs historic bathhouse district, to rotary park and the wetland area then up to the Veterans Memorial Park and back to downtown. We want to restore the wetlands area, build some switchbacks up the hill to the Veterans Memorial Park. We want to put interpretive signs and historic markers along the trail, benches and shade structures by the parks. We want to promote this trail for recreation, birding and fishing.

Carole Wheeler asked about maintenance and upkeep on the trail.

Merry Jo Fahl stated the trail is on city land and the City has agreed to maintain the trail.

Merry Jo Fahl explained there was a walkability study done from the museum and through the hot springs district to see how accessible the sidewalks are, especially for handicapped individuals. Most of the streets are not walkable. The healing waters trail committee is working with several local, state and federal agencies for assistant, grants, etc. to complete the project.

DWI/YOUTH  
CENTER  
UPDATE:

None

NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT/  
RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT  
UPDATE:  
Tennis Courts  
Louis Armijo  
Complex

Peter Baca stated the lights at the tennis courts have been repaired. The courts are on the schedule for regular clean up.

Charles Lucero thanked the Parks Department for keeping the tennis courts cleaner.

Peter Baca explained lighting at Louis Armijo park is still a problem but the Parks Department is working with the Electric Department to keep as many working as possible.

CALENDAR OF  
EVENTS:  
Arena  
Softball  
Baseball  
Swimming Pool

Peter Baca stated 4-H has been using the arena on Monday and Wednesday; roping on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Ed Ragsdale was maintaining the grounds himself and now the Parks Department is maintaining the grounds for them.

Men's and women's softball will be playing until the end of September. There will be tournaments in October. They use the fields Monday through Thursday.

DISCUSSION/  
OTHER  
BUSINESS:

Carole Wheeler asked the Board if they thought a mission statement would be appropriate.

Charles Lucero and Julie Durham agreed. Julie Durham suggested Carole work on a mission statement and bring it to the next meeting.

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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Charles Lucero, Vice-Chairman