

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board regular meeting,  
at the Recreation Department Building, 2800 S. Broadway, City of Truth or Consequences, New Mexico,

March 3, 2014

Call to order: Carole Wheeler, vice-chairman

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call:                   Greg D'Amour, Chairman  
  
                                  Carole Wheeler, vice-chairman  
  
                                  Millie McLeod, secretary  
  
                                  Destiny Mitchell, member  
  
                                  Pat Freemyer, member

Approval of agenda: Approved by ayes of members

Approval of minutes of February 3, 2014 meeting: Approved by ayes of members

Also present:

Phyllis Jones, Chuck Wentworth, Greg Claesson, Amy Claesson, Chris, Helen, and Zack Bolen, Bill Slettom, and Monte Nelson

Monte Nelson spoke about wanting to commend Destiny Mitchell for her hard work as the leader of the swim team. Audon Trujillo spoke about the recreation plans for the city should be included in the comprehensive plan and that the Parks and Recreation Board should be active in including their ideas about future recreation in the city.

Chuck Wentworth stated the Pilot's Club donated money for a park at the hospital.

Terry Claesson, a park ranger, spoke about the need for dedicated hours of usage for the swim team and for those people who work until five. Chris Bolen also spoke about the need for open hours after five. Cherry Hatfield spoke about later hours for a senior exercise class, and so did Janet Smith. Everyone is happy that the pool is covered and open.

Amy Claesson wants to have dedicated hours for the swim team.

Destiny Mitchell gave a handout proposal for swimming pool hours.

The board will submit a proposal of pool hours.

Peter Baca: We finished seeding the fields. The high school asked for and used the arena for horse judging and so did several other schools at that time. Soccer and Little League will start soon. Desert

pine trees are ready to plant at the baseball fields. Don Armijo will bring dirt for the pond park for landscaping at the new pond park and it will have barbeque grills. Irrigation upgrades are finished.

Bill Slettom passed out the results of the latest comprehensive plan gathered from the 3rd meeting. There needs to be more planning for parks and recreation worked into the comprehensive plan. The Parks and Recreation board will include a workshop starting at 5:30 pm, for public input on the future recreation needs for the city, at the next regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, April 7. This meeting will be held in the City Commission chambers.

Audon Trujillo stated that the state sign for Magnolia Ellis located in the triangle is a dangerous placement, cannot be read, and needs to be moved to the pond park. This was mentioned at the museum meeting.

Juan Fuentes stated that the city will try to accommodate users of the pool but will be working under budget constraints this year. The swim team will be considered on the scheduled hours. We ask for the users of the pool to be patient and also thanked the public for their patience during construction and covering of the pool. He also stated that the cover will stay up this summer to evaluate expenses of operation.

**The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board recommends that the city administration/management consider additional swimming pool hours to include some evening hours to meet public demand within budget constraints and with staff hours considered.**

Hours could be published and posted at different places in the city and at the lake. The bulletin board at the baseball field could post the hours, the city clerk's office also could post them. The exercise classes and lap swimmers can and have in the past, shared the pool at the same time.

Juan Fuentes stated that there still has to be a storage building built at the pool. Peter Baca stated that there will be kiddie equipment at the pool park.

Amy Claesson spoke again about the need for later hours than the current hours and have the pool open on the weekends.

Adjournment: Motion by Greg D'Amour, seconded by Carole Wheeler, passed by ayes of members.

Next scheduled meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board,

April 7, 2014

Chairman 

April 7, 2014  
Recreation Advisory Board  
sign-in sheet

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Jackie Fishman (Consensus Planning)

Bill Sletton TORC

Wendy Sager Egan TORC

Cindy Johnson TORC

Mary Davis

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Audon Tavill 740-7355

## **EXISTING PARKS**

1. **LOIUS ARMIJO FAMILY PARK**
2. Veteran's Memorial Park
3. Evelyn Renfro
4. Main St. / E. Foch Street
5. Geronimo Museum Park
6. **JACK BAKER/ROTARY PARK**
7. **ROTARY PARK**
8. Swimming Pool Park
9. **RALPH EDWARDS PARK**
10. **FISH POND PARK**
11. **T OR C FIRE HALL (SPACE)**
12. **TRIANGLE PARK**
13. **BLUE STAR PARK**
14. 8<sup>th</sup> Street & Kopra
15. 9<sup>th</sup> & Ash
16. **Ray Loper Park?**

## **POTENTIAL PARKS**

1. Tank Hill
2. Tank Hill trail connected to former
3. Buckhorn Bar area &/or Geronimo Museum Park
4. EAST Foch
5. East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
6. Hospital Park (Private)
7. Marie Street South Arroyo to Ralph Edwards
8. Former Skating Rink Area
9. Ralph Edwards Rock Area??
10. Cuchillo Negro Ramp (for floaters)
11. Old Fire Station @ Ralph Edwards
12. Indian Rock Area @ Ralph Edwards
13. Ralph Edwards Ramp @ Ralph Edwards
14. West Riverside Hiking Trail
15. Wetland (below Vet Center)

xxxx Indicate Different from City's list of parks.

## **SPORTS FACILITIES**

1. **MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE \$**
2. **LOUIS ARMIJO SPORTS COMPLEX \$**  
(baseball, soccer)
3. **GENE SPEERS TENNIS COMPLEX**
4. **SWIMMING POOL \$**
5. **RALPH EDWARDS (bb, skating, vollyball)**
6. **RODEO ARENA \$**
7. **SIERRA COUNTY POSSE ARENA \$**
8. **HOT SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL (football, baseball, track, volleyball)**

## **HIKING TRAILS**

1. **Riverside Walk?**
2. **Healing Waters Trail**

## **RECREATIONAL BUILDINGS**

1. **La Belle Johnson Center \$**
2. **Civic Center \$**

Carol -

① Need Arabics  
at 5-6 - PM for  
people that  
work etc -  
Sometimes we  
have over 25 in  
am at one time,  
+ its crowded -

② ADA followed  
parade that are higher

③ Working grass  
in Handicapped  
area on Friday  
+ it come on  
inside of my  
front seat &  
wet me

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

④ Where is C.C.B.

Please especially remember

Donation left for  
mechanical ADA  
clients

From Jean

for \_\_\_\_\_

in the prayers of the parish.



Jean talked  
to Johnny about