

MEETING MINUTES

RECORDED BY: Melonie Trang

MEETING PURPOSE: PRC Board Meeting

MEETING DATE February 9, 2011
AND LOCATION: Community Center



ATTENDEES: PRC Board Members:
Tom Iverson, Rick DeVore, Margy Bonner, Darwin George,
Todd Royal
PRPL Staff Members:
Mike Whitaker, PRPL Director
Jon Thompson, Park Superintendent
Mark Jarvis, Park Planner
Lee Stadtmiller, Cemetery Manager
Joe Fedin, Recreation Superintendent

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Tom Iverson called the meeting to order at 11:40 am.

A. INTRODUCTIONS

None

B. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 12 & FEBRUARY 2, 2011 MINUTES

Chairman Iverson made a request to have the January 12, 2011 minutes approved. Board member Rick DeVore made a motion to approve the minutes. Board member Margy Bonner seconded. On a voice vote all present approved and motion passed.

Chairman Iverson made a request to have the February 2, 2011 minutes approved. Board member Margy Bonner made a motion to approve the minutes. Board member Rick DeVore seconded. On a voice vote all present approved and motion passed.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

II. DIRECTORS REPORT – Mike Whitaker

No report

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Art Donation Policy:

A current copy of the Art Donation Policy was distributed to the board. Mr. Whitaker said the city would like the board to look at it, review it, and determine if it should be kept the same or modified. He said they will discuss it further at next months meeting.

B. Mustangs' Financial Statement and Budget:

The Mustangs' 2010 financial statement and 2011 budget was distributed to the board for review. The board expressed they were happy with the statements. Chairman Iverson requested action. ***Board member Margy Bonner made a motion to accept the 2011 Mustangs' Financial Statement and 2011 Budget. Board member Todd Royal seconded. On a voice vote all were in favor and the motion passed.***

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Parks and Recreation Funding:

The board reviewed the revised Parks & Recreation Funding PowerPoint presentation, which included the requested changes from the last meeting. The Board discussed again both funding options, levy and citywide park district. Mr. Whitaker and Chairman Iverson requested the board take action on which funding source they support. ***With a show of hands, board members present unanimously supported having a citywide park district.***

Board members Margy Bonner, Catherine Grott, Rick DeVore, and staff will present to council the citywide park district at the February 22 work session.

The subject of PMD's and the affects a citywide park maintenance district would have on them was brought up.

A question was asked why the PMD's were created. Staff said they were created to fund parks added without increasing the general fund.

Mr. Thompson pointed out on a city map how the majority of the 38 PMD's are in the newer areas of the city.

Concerns were expressed on double assessing PMD's. Several board members gave possible options to consider with the PMD's:

- Keep all the PMD's as they are now and add a citywide park district assessment on top of the current assessment.
- Eliminate all PMD's
- Eliminate majority of the PMD's but keep the five with specialized services, such as street lighting maintenance.
- Continue as they are right now and gradually decrease/eliminate over a period of time.

Mr. Thompson gave a breakdown on the PMD's current assessment costs per property for 2009-2011. The breakdown is based on the assessed rate of either square foot or per lot times the number of properties. The current assessment for 2011 is \$709,166. The highest assessed cost is for property downtown, the lowest

was Lakeview property. Mr. Thompson explained the increase in assessments over the last few years has been due to the spending down of the cash reserves to the point it was heading into the red in a number of our PMD's.

A comment was made that if the PMD's were to be eliminated, several of the PMD's would pay less in assessments with a citywide district.

A question was asked if the level of maintenance would stay the same in a PMD if there was a park district. Mr. Thompson commented that the level of maintenance in the PMD's would stay the same with citywide district/assessment.

The board and staff came to the consensus that more time was needed to evaluate further the current PMD's before making any decisions on whether to keep or eliminate all or some if the citywide district is established.

VI. DIVISION UPDATES

A. Recreation Division-Recreation Superintendent Joe Fedin:

Recreation Superintendent Joe Fedin printed report was handed out at the meeting. No additional questions or comments.

B. Park Division-Park Superintendent Jon Thompson:

Park Superintendent Jon Thompson printed report was handed out at the meeting.

C. Park Planning Division-Park Planner Mark Jarvis:

Park Planner Mark Jarvis printed report was included in the board packet. No additional questions or comments.

D. Cemetery Division-Cemetery Superintendent Lee Stadtmiller:

Cemetery Superintendent Lee Stadtmiller printed report was included in the board packet. No additional comments or questions.

I. ADJOURNMENT

1:10 pm