

Newton Park Board Meeting Minutes March 20, 2019

Newton City Hall - Council Chambers

1. Call to order 6:15 pm
2. Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Statement
3. Roll Call
 - Present: Humphrey, Jackson, & Michener
 - Absent: Price & Vandall
4. Certification of Iowa Open Meetings Law (confirmed by Brian Laube)
5. Approve Minutes from 1-16-2019:
 - Motioned by: Jackson, 2nd by Michener
 - Ayes: 3 Nays: 0
6. Proposed resolution adjusting Park Board term expirations:
 - Brian Laube spoke about the recent City ordinance change related to the Park Board, and how the terms of future board members will expire on December 31st instead of the first Monday in July. The City Clerk has requested that the existing board members whose terms expire in July of various years be adjusted by Council resolution extending them out to December 31st of the same year. This would affect board members Humphrey, Price, Jackson, and Vandall. Brian stated that he was planning to prepare this resolution for the April 1st council agenda. No action requested or taken by the Park Board on this item.
7. Fireworks Donations Update:
 - Brian Laube updated the board on the current fundraising efforts for the Independence Day activities. Brian stated that they are still \$4,976 short of the \$10,000 goal as of today. It was also noted that recent sponsorships have been received from Magnum Automotive to sponsor the sand volleyball tournament, and from Hamilton Glass to sponsor the home run derby.
 - Melanie Humphrey shared the donation cards prepared by Riggs Printing, which will be for sale at Hy-Vee starting about April 15th. Melanie was directed to have these checks, when cut by Hy-Vee, be made payable to the City of Newton and be brought to the Community Services office.
 - Brian noted that the donation boxes were brought to this meeting, so the board members present took the boxes for placement throughout Newton. This effort is led by the Park Board members each year, with City staff having no involvement with them.
8. Westwood Clubhouse Update:
 - Brian Laube updated the board on recent council action approving a professional services agreement with Ethos Design Group (formerly Big Creek Design Group) for concept and floor plan, elevations, and cost estimate for a downsized clubhouse. Brian explained that this was a recently-approved council goal so staff had met with Ethos, explained the new vision for the clubhouse, and requested a proposal from them since they had completed

the initial design work for the larger clubhouse concept in 2016.

- Brian also stated that another meeting would be scheduled with Ethos soon as they start the work. Brian added that Nick Cummins, Brad Sponseller, and Brian would be involved with this meeting along with maybe two others. Board member Jackson volunteered to attend the meeting, along with Councilperson Lin Chape´ who also indicated that she'd like to attend. When suggested by Board member Humphrey that some of the people on the original committee get involved too, Brian stated that he was wanting to keep this smaller since the scope has been downsized, and a lot of the initial work has already been completed by the architect based on that full committee's recommendations in 2016. Brian will send out invites to Board member Jackson and Councilperson Chape´ for this upcoming meeting.

9. Old Business

- Board member Humphrey asked about the status of the agreements being proposed with NGSA, Little League, and NGSA. Brian Laube stated that they are still working on them to iron out some small details with NGSA and Little League, and anticipates taking these two to council for approval on April 15th. Brian also stated that the agreement with NASA is not moving forward at this time, and that they would be subject to the current field rental fees established by Council.

10. New Business

- Brian Laube shared that the registration info and scheduled dates for the men's and co-ed softball leagues are now online, and are being advertised on social media. He also stated that these forms were sent to a couple larger businesses in Newton to share with their employees.
- Brian Laube stated that Westwood Golf Course is scheduled to open this Friday (3-22-19) at 10 am.

11. Adjourn Regular Meeting (6:35 pm)

- Motioned by: Michener, 2nd by Jackson
- Ayes: 3 Nays: 0

Brian Laube - Community Services Manager

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