

Newton Park Board Meeting Minutes April 17, 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, Price, & Vandall
 - Absent: Michener
4. Certification of Iowa Open Meetings Law (confirmed by Brian Laube)
5. Approve Minutes from 3-20-2019:
 - Motioned by: Price, 2nd by Jackson
 - Ayes: 4 Nays: 0
6. Fireworks Donations Update:
 - Brian Laube updated the board on the current fundraising efforts for the Independence Day activities. Brian stated that they are still about \$3,300 short of the \$10,000 goal as of today.
 - Brian Laube also stated that the donation cards are now available at Hy-Vee. Melanie Humphrey asked if the City can promote this on social media, and Brian Laube stated that he would check into this.
 - Brian Laube also reminded Park Board members that the donation boxes placed throughout Newton need to be collected occasionally. He also suggested moving some of the donation boxes to other locations if they are not receiving many donations.
 - Brian Laube also said that he'd get an email out to board member soon listing what donations and sponsorships have been received to-date.
7. Westwood Clubhouse Update:
 - Brian Laube updated the board on recent staff meeting 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 staff gave the architect some guidelines on the down-sized plan, and that Ethos has submitted a preliminary floorplan for review before continuing further on the layout.
 - Brian stated that before he brings the plan to the Park Board for their review, a meeting would be held to further discuss the wants and needs of the proposed layout. This meeting will include some City staff, board member Marc Jackson (who volunteered for this at last month's board mtg.), and a couple of other citizens who may or may not be golfers. After this group meets, their comments will then be shared with the Park Board.
 - Amanda Price asked about possibly visiting other clubhouses, or sharing photos of their layouts, so the participants in these meetings can see what other successful clubhouses have done. Brian Laube responded that he would likely get some photos of other clubhouses to share at the design review meeting.

8. Maytag Pool - 2019 Schedule & Update:

- Brian Laube shared the proposed 2019 schedule at Maytag Pool:
 - i. About May 1st - staff begins filling the pool
 - ii. May 11th - in-service training with lifeguard staff
 - iii. June 1st - opening day of the pool
 - iv. June 3rd and 4th - last two days of school so the pool will be open for toddler time and lap swim as usual, and then reopen 30 minutes after school is dismissed on those days.
 - v. If we get warm weather and can staff the pool, we may actually open on May 27th (Memorial Day). Due to High School graduation and open houses that weekend, we will not consider opening on May 25th or 26th that weekend.
- When asked about lifeguard staffing levels, Brian Laube stated that they had a good response to the positions and have enough guards hired to start the season.

9. 30-Acre Park Update:

- Board member Marc Jackson asked to speak about 30-Acre Park, and some upcoming activities there:
 - i. Marc said he was putting together a mountain bike ride night for May 9th, and had Mojo Cycling sponsoring this.
 - ii. Marc spoke about starting a mountain bike riding club and have a website/social media presence to promote use at 30-Acre Park.
 - iii. Marc stated that he has been riding trails in 30-Acre Park since February, and felt that it needed to be promoted.
 - iv. Marc voiced his displeasure with the lack of cooperation he's received from certain City staff on promoting 30-Acre Park and the trail riding opportunities there. Brian Laube assured Marc that staff would meet on this tomorrow and discuss promoting this as another recreation opportunity in Newton.
 - v. Brian Laube also added that if the Park Board members feel that something parks-related needs to be promoted online; they should email him and/or Nick Cummins so the proper chain-of-command is followed by board members.

10. Old Business

- Board member Humphrey asked about the status of the field use agreements being proposed with NGSA, Little League, and NGSA. Brian Laube stated that they proposed agreements with Little League and NGSA that were on the April 15th council agenda needed to be tabled due to some last minute questions on a couple items. Brian also stated that they have been meeting with NASA, and hope to have agreements with all three groups on the May 6th council agenda.

11. New Business

- Brian Laube informed the Park Board that the annual goal setting exercise will begin at the next board meeting in May. Brian stated that he planned to do this process similar to last year where a list of proposed goals and projects are compiled, the board adds or removes items from this list, and then a web-based survey is completed by board members ranking the projects. After the online exercise is completed, the tabulated survey results will be brought to the board at the June meeting for their consideration to approve.

12. Adjourn Regular Meeting (6:55 pm)

- Motioned by: Vandall, 2nd by Price
- Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

Brian Laube - Community Services Manager

4-22-2019

Park Board Chair – Melanie Humphrey

Park Board Members –Marc Jackson, Levi Michener, Amanda Price, and Adam Vandall