

*Parks & Recreation Advisory
Commission*



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
11 JANUARY 2011
7:00 PM
KORTE REC CENTER

- Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
- Roll Call
 - Members Present: Wayne Wirz
Susan Amaro
Sue Davendonis
Joyce Zerban
Linda Montayne
Mark Reaka
 - Members Absent: Pam Lecerf
- Old Business
 - October Meeting Minutes were Approved as written
Motion: Joyce Zerban
Seconded: Sue Davendonis
Carried by all.
- New Business
 - Nomination and Election of Chairman and Secretary
Nominations: Sue Davendonis
Wayne Wirz
Nominee Wirz requested his nomination be withdrawn
Linda Montayne (nominator) withdraw her nomination
No other nominations from the floor
- Election/Vote: Sue Davendonis as 2011 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Chairman
 - Aye: Wayne Wirz, Sue Amaro, Joyce Zerban, Linda Montayne, Mark Reaka
 - Nay: None

Secretary: Nomination(s): Sue Amaro

No other nominations

Election/Vote: Sue Amaro continues as 2011 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Secretary.

Aye: Wayne Wirz, Sue Davendonis, Linda Montayne, Joyce Zerban, Mark Reaka
Nay: None

2011 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Chairman: Sue Davendonis

2011 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Secretary: Sue Amaro

➤ 2011 Goals

1. Committees

- a. Commission recommended to Mark Rosen, Parks & Recreation Director that committees, consisting of interested persons other than members of the advisory commission, be formed for future marketing and activities associated with the Highland's Sursee Trail.

2. Community Outreach:

- a. Parks and Recreation Director has been scheduled to start making presentations to various groups within the Highland Community.
- b. Advisory Commission members should be invited to attend along with Mark as these events are scheduled with expectation as many members as are able, do attend to obtain more visibility among the community as well as help respond to questions and field comments
- c. Mark concurred and will keep commission members informed of events
- d. March 14th, 2011, 7pm – American Legion discussion

3. Develop a list of civic organizations to visit and schedule these visits in coordination with P&R Director's availability

4. Metro East Parks and Recreation Department (MEPRD) Relationships

- a. Advisory Commission members intend on establishing more solid relationships with members of MEPRD to include more active participation in events held by MEPRD, especially as they apply to county trail projects
- b. Specific areas of interest are: 1) County multi-use trail connection into Highland and 2) Grant opportunities, status, and rationale for non-receipt (when not awarded)

5. Trail Logo and Trail Sponsorship

- a. Now that trail has been officially named, commission will reengage with a logo contest
- b. Joyce Zerban will speak to the Arts Council to solicit some ideas regarding timing and marketing

- c. Sponsorship opportunities for the trail remain on the list but needs to be conducted and managed by the City. Commission will make recommendations
- 6. Trail Official Opening “Ribbon Cutting”
 - Community Advisory Group meeting review:
 - Sue Davendonis attended as representative
 - IDOT intent was to just start laying foundation for studies
 - Most in attendance had preconceived notions or assumed decisions had been made
 - Entire range of possibilities being studied
 - Next meeting is Jan 25th at K of C Hall, 6-8 PM. Sue Amaro will attend
 - Parks & Recreation Director Program Updates
 - Silver Lake Golf Course and future
 - Sees program as becoming very popular and parking will start to become an issue
 - Future construction and growth
Mark provided the following information regarding plans or growth opportunities for the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - New Playground equipment at Silver Lake
 - Bathrooms – delayed due to water issues
 - Spin Bikes (11 purchased-used) and 4 new classes added to program – almost full
 - Day of Camping at Silver Lake
 - Commission recommended any/all opportunities to increase use of Silver Lake should be considered.
 - Recommend Silver Lake commission be invited to speak at our next meeting to discuss short and long range plans for Silver Lake and pros/cons of development
 - Financial Operating Budget for 2011 and results of 2010
 - Parks & Recreation finished 2010 better than expected compared to previous fiscal year.
 - 2011 budgeting estimates fall in between 2009 and 2010
 - With no further business to discuss, meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.
 - Next Meeting: April 12, 2011, 7:00PM, Korte Recreation Center

Suanne Davendonis
Chairman, Parks and Rec Advisory Commission

Susan Amaro
Secretary