

River Bend Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2024
Municipal Building

Board Members Present: Laurie LaMotte, Amy Hendee, Beth Stokes, Victoria Stuppy
Board Members Absent: Annie Craddock
Others Present: Jeff Weaver, Barbara Maurer, Don Fogle

Laurie LaMotte called the meeting to order at 6:15 with a quorum present.

Ms. LaMotte motioned to approve the minutes of April 3, 2024. Beth Stokes seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

As none of the prospective Board candidates were present, Ms. LaMotte motioned to continue to review applications. Amy Hendee seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed next steps before the Survey results are presented to the Town Council. Jeff Weaver advised the board to concentrate on what needs to be done, not how it will be achieved. Victoria Stuppy will summarize and compile topline recommendations and share with the Board for review and turnaround. Mr. Weaver requested the final presentation be submitted in time for the Council to review before their next work session.

Ms. LaMotte advised the social media proposal was finalized. Mr. Weaver expressed concern regarding allowing comments as removal of same could violate First Amendment rights. Ms. LaMotte noted the proposal provided options and it would be up to the Council to determine.

Ms. LaMotte asked Mr. Weaver to follow up with the Town Manager regarding moving forward with the proposed Father's Day celebration. Once approved, the flyer will be posted May 8.

Ms. Hendee shared that Game Day was a rousing success with 21 attendees filling every table. All participants stayed for the three-hour event. Board will consider hosting quarterly.

Ms. Hendee advised Mother's Day event is all set. Board members will begin set up at noon.

Balboa the Snake was introduced to the Board. Ms. Hendee shared that the project will be set up surrounding the Red Caboose. Ms. LaMotte will have a sign made up to post at the project site. Ms. Hendee will kick off the River Bend Rocks project on Facebook.

Ms. LaMotte shared that she has hired the Joe Baes Band to play at the Independence Day event. She will follow up with the Town Manager regarding other needs. The Board will determine what games to play. Summer camp type of games (e.g., tug-of-war) were discussed.

The placement of the donated bike rack was discussed. Ms. Hendee and Ms. Stuppy recommended spots near the skate park and also in the shaded areas near the old public works building. Ms. LaMotte will follow up with Flythe to determine rack size and installation method.

The Board briefly discussed future events. Ms. Stuppy will research movie rights and rates for a Family Night event. Ms. Hendee suggested a Health Day Event with CPR training. Ms. Stokes recommended a Hurricane Preparedness class which had been popular in the past. Ms. LaMotte will reach out to Mary Hollihan for further information on the latter.

Don Fogle lauded the organizers of the Game Day event. He also suggested the Board consider a destination placement for the bike rack, e.g., the Municipal building.

There being no further business, Ms. LaMotte moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Hendee. The meeting adjourned at 7 PM.


Submitted by Victoria Stuppy