

Minutes
Recreation Committee
March 1, 2021
5th committee meeting

Committee Members: Dale Black (Chair), Taft Matney, Michael Reynolds
Others present were Recreation Director Bart Cumalander and City Administrator Brandon Madden

1. Call to Order- Chairman Black
2. Public Comment- None
3. Reading and Approval of Minutes
 - a. Recreation Committee Meeting: February 1, 2021

Action: Councilman Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Matney seconding.

Vote: The vote was unanimous (3-0).

4. Reports or Communications from City Officers
 - a. Recreation Director Bart Cumalander
 - i. Budget Review

Mr. Cumalander thanked Willie, Andre, and Greg for their hard work with youth sports. The City hosted Girls' regional basketball. 12U Girls and 10U Girls are playing in state tournaments.

The Sports Center staff is calling members that have not been by in over 6 months. About 6 members have returned because of the phone calls.

The Seniors are ready to start playing pickleball again. They may be able to start playing outside in April.

Chairman Black asked about some of the kids going on to play basketball at the high school. Mr. Cumalander said small things like getting the kids NBA jerseys encourages them to continue playing on into high school. We also have great coaches. Chairman Black said he appreciates everything Recreation does.

Councilman Matney said the high school team came within 6 points of going to the finals. The majority of the team has a tie-in with our youth sports program. Councilman Matney said he drove by this weekend and the COVID protocols were in place, the lines moved quickly, and everyone was behaving nicely. Mr. Cumalander

said the high school team members came by and gave out certificates to the youth teams and that helps out morale as well.

Councilman Reynolds said his family played basketball through the City this year and had a lot of fun.

5. Unfinished Business- There is no unfinished business.

6. New Business

a. Bocce Ball- Chairman Black said he was contacted by a resident on this. Chairman Black said this might be able to be placed at City Park for use by the Seniors. Mr. Cumalander said he worked with Public Works on some pricing. Mr. Cumalander said he would like to get Pickleball going first, and then look at doing Bocce. It is estimated that the construction of the court is \$6,031.40. The bocce balls are estimated to cost \$90 per set. Councilman Reynolds said he doesn't disagree with having this, but would like to include it in the next budget cycle.

Councilman Matney said he doesn't know if this needs to be done this fiscal year. The budget for the coming year has been started. He said he doesn't have a problem with this, but would like to see it added to the upcoming fiscal year. Chairman Black asked if this could come under CDBG funding. He told the citizens he would bring this up, but is not something that needs to be done right now.

This item did not require a motion.

7. Public Comment

Mayor Merritt said there is a fantastic fitness program at the Senior Center and the director keeps the programs moving. She also disinfects everything as activities change. There are 29 chairs in the exercise room and this morning there were 34 people there. The Governor releases new guidelines, and the Mayor would ask staff to review those guidelines and let the Senior Center know so they can react quickly.

8. Committee Concerns

Chairman Black said some permanent lighting at the Sports Center sidewalk on the side of the building might be a good idea instead of having a light tower out there.

He then asked if we had received any information on lighting for the City Center playground. Mr. Madden said Public Works is working on that. Chairman Black said Beachin' Fridays will be starting soon. Mr. Madden said that item can be brought to the Public Works Committee or discussed in the budget workshop on Thursday.

Chairman Black asked about the curbing and parking lot paving at the Senior Center. Mr. Madden said that project is ongoing. The weather is holding up the progress, as it has been raining a lot lately. Chairman Black asked about the walking trail at City Park. Mr. Madden said we have some PARD money that will pay for the majority of the project.

Chairman Black also inquired about the lighting at the fence between the Senior Center and the Open Air Market. Mr. Madden said that will be done soon.

9. Adjourn- Chairman Black adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cindy Miller
Municipal Clerk