Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2019, 9:30am
Logan Recreation Center Conference Room

Present: Tina Purintun, Ed Stephens, Cody Hansen, Michael Timmons, Russ Akina, Dan Blakely, Tanya Rice, Laura Sawyer, Brandon Halaufia

Guests: Debbie Harvey

Excused: Jason Pond, Jess Bradfield

Approval of Minutes: Michael made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 24th, 2019 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting. Cody seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

Center Street Celebration:

- Saturday, November 30th, 4pm. Flyer and schedule handed out to the Board for reference. Russ let the Board know that P&R Department is waiting on instructions from Mayor to help with the decorations of Center Street. Debbie informed the Board about Downtown Alliance's Volunteer Tree Fluffing Party that will take place Monday, November 25th at 6pm at Anderson's Seed & Feed. Fluffed trees will be placed on Center Street.

P&R Department Christmas Luncheon:

- Board is invited on Friday, December 20th at 11:30am at the Logan River Golf Course Tournament Room. Encouraged to participate in ugly sweater contest. Flyer was distributed. Gloria will send out Google Calendar invites.

Recommendations to Fill Vacancy on Board:

- Russ let the Board know that the plan is to ratify new member on the Parks and Rec Advisory Board by the January Council meeting. He has only had two recommendations thus far. If Board has any recommendations, please let Russ know by next Wednesday. Must be a Logan City resident and willing to serve a 3-year term. Mike reminded Board that an individual from an area that is not currently represented would be ideal.

Pioneer Day Initial Planning Meeting:

- A parade committee has been organized and will meet in January to begin discussions about parade. He let the Board know that the Mayor would like to see more of a "theme" for the parade. Registrations & Parade inquiries typically begin in the spring around March. If anyone from the Board is interested in joining the Parade Committee, please let Gloria or Debbie know. Michael asked about surrounding communities' events in the valley. Debbie informed the Board about the Fun Run and Pancake Breakfast. Russ would like to keep the current Parade schedule to accommodate Logan City residents. There was mention about HS Marching Bands winning state competitions and possibly getting some students to participate in Pioneer Day Parade.

Comprehensive Plan Presentation and Public Input Meeting:

- Meetings will be held from 5:30-7p on Thursday January 9th at City Hall and Thursday January 23rd at the Logan River Golf Course Tournament Room. Russ would like residents to attend to get feedback for future Comprehensive Plan updates. Debbie will send out more information regarding these meetings. Russ suggested residents can hold smaller neighborhood meetings in their homes where people would feel more comfortable giving their opinions around people they know. Russ let the Board know there would be a department representative available to answer any questions residents may have. Mike suggested to have a different representative available to answer different questions/subjects; such as Dogs in Parks, Youth Recreation, Trails etc. Meetings will be set up as an Open House type to make residents more comfortable. Department Survey will be handed out at meetings. Survey will also be available in the Leisure guide, Debbie will present it at Board Meetings she attends, social media, etc.
- Wilson Elementary is holding a meeting tonight.
- Debbie will email survey to Wilson Neighborhood group meeting.
- Mike had a suggestion for changes to question #6 suggesting what can be offered.
- Cody said E-Sports would be a good addition to survey.
- Tina suggested question 6 be more of a box check, than having to be written out.
- Debbie will look into previous surveys' information to put as additional options for question 6.

Youth Tackle Football Proposal:

- Dan informed the Board that he has someone interested in running tackle football privately.
- Cost is the biggest factor that would make him consider turning program over.
- He read off report on costs for program and all the requirements they have to follow.
- There are not many cities left that run a football program. They are mostly run privately. He had a suggestion to completely turn over the program.
- The individual who is looking into running the program would like to still be involved with the City.
- Program would be owned and operated by a private program organization.

- Russ let Board know that most cities have gone away with the program due to concussion regulations and costs.
- Russ and Dan would like to make this a smooth transition without putting the City at risk and still keeping the best interests for resident parents and children.
- Dan was assured by private program director that there will be a scholarship program for children who cannot afford fee to play.
- Youth tackle football program is one of the smaller programs the Rec Center offers.
- This individual believes he can turn this program around and increase participation.
- Football program has not had any sponsors in the past. Dan is looking into year-round sponsors to help with cost of program.
- Proposal is to be finalized by mid next week. Will be discussed at next board meeting.
- Tina suggested an intermediate-advanced fitness camp program (8yr to middle school aged)

Recreation Manager Report:

- There are ideas in the works to fulfill Youth Tackle football programs. Dan has some programs lined up that he will discuss in his upcoming staff meeting.
- An open gym "teen night" with ping pong tables & Corn hole has also been discussed. Board agrees that it would be a great idea.
- Junior Jazz program has begun and will have close to 1200 participants
- New equipment has been set up in the weight room, looks great.
- Weight room equipment program is on a buyback arrangement.
- Dan presented the Board with Rec Center statistics for resident/nonresident fees proposal.
- Russ will share Dan's report at his meeting with the Mayor next week and will be further discussed at January Board meeting.
- Everything is winterized at the Aquatic Center and all reservations are booked for 2020.
- Mike asked if Library has a resident/nonresident fee for County residents. Yes, it does.
- Brandon asked about the comparison in resident/non-resident fees in surrounding areas for memberships and programs.

Parks Superintendent Report:

- Ed handed out a map for new trails around River Circle Park that connects to Stewart Nature Park.
- Ed has had staff up there doing final clean up this week.
- 100 S & Johnson Lane trail connection sidewalk improvements have been made.
- This trail is the alternative to using Mountain Road during the winter season for students who walk to and from Wilson School. Street department has helped widen sidewalk. Mike made a suggestion to install a poop bag dispenser at the entrance of a trail. Construction crews have moved to Bridger Park to connect Pickle ball courts and Bike Park. Ed passed around pictures of installation of new bathroom at Dahle Park. Almost done getting winterizing wrapped up, picking

up leaves and tables. Russ will check sign posted at Bridger Bike Park to see if there is a required age for adult supervision.

Open Forum:

Nothing at this time.

Next Meeting: January 16, 2020 at 9:30am
Meeting Adjourned: 10:50 am **Minutes Submitted by:** Gloria Chacon