

Cameron Park Board Meeting
June 28, 2012
6:00 pm
Recreation Park – Shelter House #1

Members Present:

Chairman Bill Gimson
Al Briggs
Jennifer Helmich
Michael Teegarden
Rob Balliett
Amy Ford
Matt Jameson
Kari Teel

Members Absent:

Jason Jones

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager, Public Works Director	Jack Briggs, Cameron Economic Development
Steve Garr, Parks Director	Frank Buck, Public
Wally Galliam, Cameron Citizen Observer	Sue Manion, Public
Derek Williams, Behalf of Public Merchants	

Chairman Gimson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Approval of May Minutes

Ms. Briggs made a motion to approve minutes of the May 24, 2012 meeting; seconded by Mr. Teegarden. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Public Participation

The Cameron Economic Development Group works to bring new, *larger* businesses to Cameron. They are beginning to put a package together to welcome the new managers of the business in order to encourage them to live in Cameron and manage the business from here. Jack Briggs, representing the Cameron Economic Development Group, asked the Board if they would be willing to donate a Family Pool Pass for one year.

The Board agreed that the program was a creditable program.

Mr. Teegarden made a motion to donate a one year family pool pass to the Cameron Economic Development Group; seconded by Mr. Balliett. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Mr. Briggs also suggested that if the Board builds a racquetball court, they consider putting in two courts. This will allow for more people to play racquetball at the same time and not deter someone from playing if one of the courts is taken.

Derek Williams approached the Board and asked if they would support placing a merchant's informational sign in the corner of Earl Park. The sign would provide information as to what businesses' are downtown.

Mr. Williams stated that the businesses would be responsible for paying for their individual signs and upkeep of the sign. When a business has moved from the downtown area, their sign would be removed.

The merchants sign would be approximately 11 ft. tall and 7 ft. wide. Each individual business's sign would be approximately 1 ft. tall and 2 ft. wide.

Mr. Williams also stated that Mike Poland, President of Farmers State Bank, would like to replace the current light pole that does not match and replace it with a new light pole. Mr. Poland expressed that Farmers State Bank would donate the new light pole.

Ms. Briggs expressed concern about closing up the area around Earl Park. She stated that the Board and City has worked hard to open the area up and the sign would once again close the area off which could result in increased vandalism.

Sue Manion expressed concerns about the traffic flow.

Mr. Teegarden made a motion to support the construction of a downtown merchants sign in Earl Park. Final plans must be approved by other entities of the City not limited to: Cameron Planning & Zoning, Cameron Board of Adjustments and all City Codes, and then presented to Park Board again for final approval of actual sign. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ford. *On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 3, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.*

Treasury Report

There were no comments.

Director/Foreman Report

Soccer Complex

The We-Tip information from the Soccer Complex was posted on the City's website and in the Cameron Newspaper. So far, no tips have been received.

Video surveillance signs have been ordered for the Soccer Complex and McCorkle Park and will be installed as soon as they are received. These signs will alert people that the parks are under surveillance.

4th of July

Mr. Garr stated that McCorkle Park has been set-up for the 4th of July activities. Mr. Garr also stated that all of the spots for the Barbeque Contest have been filled.

Swimming Pool

Mr. Teegarden expressed concerns about the noted mismanagement of the swimming pool. An example given was the carelessness of employees not scanning in swimmers when they come to the pool.

Mr. Garr stated that he has also mentioned some issues to Mary Jo Eiberger about the cleaning robot and other housekeeping problems.

Mr. Teegarden is concerned about the management and bookkeeping records. With the increase in management fees this year, the Board expects greater care to be taken with records and in other areas.

The Board also expressed a concern with the closed off outside snack window and potential business being turned away.

Mr. Gimson will call Ms. Eiberger on Friday, June 29th and see if she has any ideas to solve the problems and concerns brought up by the Board.

The Board would like Ms. Eiberger to attend the July meeting and report on the attendance records and also answer any questions the Board may have.

Old Business

Earl Park Fountain

There have been no additional funds from the memorial of Bob Earl for the restoration of the fountain in Earl Park.

Staff is looking at a new type of fountain pump so there is less clogging from leaves and debris.

Old Band Shell

Mr. Teegarden spoke to the Compton family and they are open to discuss options for the Old Band Shell; however, they would like to discuss ideas at another time.

Mr. Teegarden suggested opening up the area for a shelter house because they are always needed and used.

Mr. Gimson stated that he would like to keep the family involved in any decision made with the Band Shell.

The topic has been tabled until later this fall.

Hospital/Gazebo Park

Mr. Teegarden made a suggestion to name Hospital/Gazebo Park after Marge McDonald. The revealing of the name could be publicized in the Cameron Newspaper and an unveiling of the name could be held.

Mr. Teegarden made a motion to name Hospital/Gazebo Park "McDonald Park"; seconded by Ms. Briggs. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

New Business

Tennis Court Resurfacing

During the April meeting, the Board discussed resurfacing the 6 tennis courts. Three courts are located on Park property and 3 courts are located on School property. Upon completion of the project, the Cameron School District will reimburse the Park Board for half of the cost.

Several Parks Departments and universities around the area have been contacted for recommendations for the resurfacing project – there were only a handful of contractors that have been used. One contractor that was contacted estimated the project between \$36,000 and \$38,000. Another contractor, McConnell & Associates provided a bid through a cooperative purchase program for two different options.

Option one includes resurfacing and repainting for \$30,547.23. Option two includes resurfacing, painting and installing geo-fabrics over the cracks in the playing surface for \$37,952.63.

Mr. Bontrager recommends the use of McConnell & Associates for the resurfacing project. McConnell & Associates originally built the tennis courts.

In order to save time and money for large projects, City Council has approved the Resolution and Agreement for membership in the Interlocal Purchasing Systems (TIPS/TAPS) program. This program allows companies to provide more competitive pricing.

Mr. Bontrager recommends option #2 as the additional geo-fabric treatment will help prevent cracking on the courts for a longer period of time.

Mr. Teegarden stated that McConnell & Associates is an excellent company and they do exceptional work.

Mr. Bontrager stated that each set of courts would take approximately one week to complete. The courts should be done by the beginning of August.

Mr. Teegarden made a motion to accept the bid from McConnell & Associates for Option #2 for \$37,952.63; seconded by Mr. Jameson. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the inner court and outer court on the tennis courts are to be painted in two different colors.

After discussion, the Board suggested that the courts be painted blue for the inner court and green for the outer court.

Smoking Ban

Mary Jo Eiberger has requested that there be a smoking ban at Park Valley and Recreation Park facilities. The YMCA has received complaints from parents about individuals smoking at ball games, in the stands and in front of the swimming pool. Complaints have included people complaining about the mess and individuals being inconsiderate.

Mr. Gimson would like to get an opinion from the City Attorney, Mitch Elliott, and see what can be done to help solve the problem.

The Board discussed options for placing signs at the parks that may read: "Please no smoking in the stands."

Mr. Bontrager suggested to the Board that Police Chief Cory Sloan should be contacted if the Board would like to go in the direction of tobacco free and see what the options are.

Ms. Eiberger would also like the Board to look into placing other signs in the parks about respecting kids, parents and volunteers.

Mr. Bontrager will talk to Mitch Elliott and discuss options for signage to deter tobacco use at ball fields, soccer fields, the swimming pool and places where there may be YMCA activities. The Board would like to know what can and cannot be done.

The issue has been tabled until Mitch Elliott can be consulted.

Miscellaneous

None

Adjourn

Chairman Gimson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Mr. Balliett. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 8, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 1.

Next meeting of the Park Board will be July 26, 2012 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

Mr. Garr gave members of the Park Board a tour of Recreation Park facilities.

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