

Cameron Park Board Meeting

March 6, 2014

6:00 pm

Cameron City Hall

Members Present:

Chairman Bill Gimson

Al Briggs

Jennifer Helmich

Jason Jones

Carrie Sybert

Kari Teel

Members Absent:

Matt Jameson

Michael Teegarden

Jamey McVicker

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director

Kim Watkins

Steve Garr – Parks Director

Chris Johnson, Cameron Newspaper

Ann Clark

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

Approval of January 23, 2014 Minutes

Ms. Briggs made a motion to approve minutes of the January 23, 2014 meeting; seconded by Ms. Sybert. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.

Public Participation

Kim Watkins

Kim Watkins approached the Board and stated that her family would like to donate funds towards playground equipment for toddlers at Recreation Park. Ms. Watkins inquired on how to get the project started.

Ms. Watkins would like to place the new equipment on the south side of Recreation Park by the swing sets.

Mr. Jones worried about the disk golf course and if there would be interference with the playground equipment.

Mr. Garr stated that with the correct placement at the east side of the swings, the disk golf course should not interfere with the playground equipment. It will be out of the way and located in a shady area.

Ms. Watkins also suggested placing the toddler equipment by the pool area.

Mr. Garr stated that the best location would be on the south side of the park. The City can put a sidewalk to the area and make the area ADA compliant.

Ms. Watkins stressed that her family does not want the cost of the playground equipment publicized and she thinks the cost will be around \$10,000. At this time, they have not determined what kind of equipment to purchase.

Chairman Gimson suggested that Ms. Watkins work with Mr. Garr and look into grants that may be available for the project.

Mr. McVicker has previously stated that the Aiden McVicker fund may be willing to help with the project.

Mr. Garr will work with Ms. Watkins on putting together some ideas and a plan for a toddler playground by the next meeting.

Ann Clark – Cameron Community Band

Ann Clark was present at the meeting to discuss the old band shell located near the swimming pool.

Ms. Clark stated that the Cameron Community Band has a vision of making the band visible to younger families and draw in more people.

Ms. Clark and Cindy Sivala, new business manager, have discussed partnering with the Park Board to create a space to hold small concerts a few times during the summer. In the fall and the summer, the school could also use the space for outdoor assemblies. They feel that the old band shell could serve this purpose.

Before anything permanent is done to the old band shell, Ms. Clark and the Cameron Community Band would like to have some discussions about use of the space.

Mr. Garr stated that he has also been contacted about a possible movie in the park.

Ms. Clark expressed that she would like to be involved in the discussion on use of the space and work with the Park Board to come up with a useable solution.

Mr. Jones expressed concerns about the structure and current inappropriate uses. He would like to see the area cleaned up.

Mr. Jones would also like to continue the discussion of workout stations placed around the circuit.

Mr. Jones also suggested the Cameron Community Band, Cameron Community Players and dance studios discuss uses for outdoor theatre events.

Chairman Gimson suggested removing the structure ASAP and then determining how to use the space.

Chairman Gimson stated that it will be a benefit to work with Ms. Clark on how to utilize the space.

Ms. Clark and Ms. Sivala will begin looking into how musicians can utilize the area and start compiling ideas.

Chairman Gimson stated that the ideas can be placed into the Comprehensive Plan for future park development.

Treasurer's Report

No comment

Director/Foreman's Report

NPRA Conference

Members who attended the NPRA Conference in Columbia, MO shared the things they learned. Mr. McVicker previously emailed everyone ideas and tidbits from the conference.

It was reported that multiple towns that are 15-20 minutes away from one another are working together for sports programs so the children can play with other kids from surrounding towns. The towns share all of their facilities.

Other towns at the conference were surprised on how Cameron handles the recreation programs.

Old Business

Youth Recreation Contingency Plan Committee Report

Mr. Jones stated that the committee is currently working on how to receive funds for the programs and how to offer funds to kids that cannot afford to play in the City's recreation program. The Committee wants to have a concrete plan in place before taking the recreation program back over.

The Committee is also working on a fee structure and cost recovery plan for the Cities facilities (school usage and YMCA usage). They are also working on assisted funding options.

Mr. Jones expressed the Committee's focus on giving all kids an opportunity to play sports if they want to.

The Committee hopes to have a plan in place to present to the Park Board and City Council within the next few months.

New Business

Water Fountains

Mr. Garr stated that the water fountain at Recreation Park near the tennis courts needs to be replaced. The water lines, sidewalks, etc. will need to be replaced when finishing the improvements at Recreation Park. Water Bottle filling stations are very popular at this time and Mr. Garr suggested replacing the fountain with one.

The Board was provided with cost estimates of water bottle filling stations for review.

Mr. Garr recommended Model 7700 for \$2,750. There will be no shipping cost as it can be picked up in Kearney, MO.

Multiple Board members suggested getting a filling station that includes a dog watering station attachment.

Mr. Jones asked if the water bottle filling station recommended was ADA compliant.

Mr. Garr will make sure the filling station is ADA Compliant before ordering.

At this time, the water fountain at the tennis court will be replaced as there is a new fountain at the restroom.

Mr. Jones made a motion to accept the bid for the water bottle water station, Model 7700 for \$2,750, as long as it is ADA Compliant, including the pet attachment, or the next comparable fountain in price; seconded by Ms. Sybert. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.

British Soccer Camp

Mr. Garr presented the idea of holding a British Soccer Camp in Cameron this summer. The program has been held in Cameron in the past. Parks and Recreation will host the camp and it will be held at the City's facilities.

The program will last one week and will have sessions for kids ages 3-18. Each player will receive various soccer items and be coached by professional staff.

The Camp will take care of registration and marketing of the program. Parks and Recreation will provide the facility and concessions (if wanted).

Mr. Bontrager checked on insurance and there will be no increase.

The Board agreed that this would be a great opportunity for Cameron.

Ms. Helmich made a motion to allow Mr. Garr to pursue the British Soccer Camp; seconded by Mr. Jones. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.

Mr. Garr will talk to the school and swim team about scheduling the camp around summer activities and set a date in June or July.

Miscellaneous

Parks and Recreation Logo

Mr. Jones stated that he would like the Board to come up with a logo for Parks and Recreation to identify them with the City. This logo would be placed on t-shirts, advertisements and signs located around town.

Ms. Sybert suggested asking the kids in the art department at the school to come up with a logo and have a small contest.

Mr. Jones stated that he will ask the school if they are interested in the project and bring the information back to the next meeting.

Holiday Lighting

Chairman Gimson stated that City Manager Mark Gaugh and City Council asked if a member of the Park Board would be a representative on the Holiday Lighting Committee. There is a \$35,000 budget set aside for this project.

Ms. Teel volunteered to be on the committee.

Chairman Gimson will inform City Manager Gaugh.

EDOC

On February 26, 2014, the EDOC committee met about lingering questions on the tax and governing board.

The Governing Board will be made up of a 5 board committee. The committee will include a member from the county seat. Since Cameron has two counties, they will have to decide who gets the spot. Members will serve 2 and 4 year terms.

EDOC discussed how the money can be spent and parameters placed on how the monies can be used.

The City cannot promote the tax. The City is only allowed to provide the information to the public.

The EDOC committee plans to begin promoting the economic development tax after the school issue is voted on in April.

Chairman Gimson stated that the Board needs to get all of the information together on the pool and be ready for promotion.

Mr. Jones suggested contacting Larkin Aquatics to create the promotion materials and posters talked about in the past.

Chairman Gimson will keep everyone posted.

Baseball Season

Mr. Garr asked about Field 4 now that it is property of the school district. In the past, the Parks Department has taken care of prepping and maintaining the fields; however, now that it is the property of the school district are they responsible for care.

Mr. Garr also asked if the trash cans, bleachers, etc. should be removed from the area.

Mr. Garr stated that he believes the ongoing maintenance of Field 4 is no longer the City's responsibility.

The Board suggested that Mr. Garr talk to Kevin Nichols and Matt Robinson and get their thoughts on the issues.

Mr. Garr also asked about who is responsible for marking the field for the YMCA now that the land is transferred.

Board consensus is the YMCA needs to talk to the school about future Field 4 usage.

Adjourn

Chairman Gimson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Teel. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board will be at 6:00 on March 27, 2014 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 pm.

*Chris O'Donnell
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*Bill Gimson
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