

MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Cameron Park Board
February 12th, 2009
City Council Chambers, Cameron, Missouri

Item 1. Call to Order

Chairman Gimson called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

Members Present:

Chairman Bill Gimson
Rob Balliett
Frank Buck
Carrie Whitaker
Michael VanBrunt
Phil Robinson
Matthew Archibald
Dr. Alan Lovejoy

Members Absent:

Matt Jameson

Others Present:

Drew Bontrager~ Public Works Director
Steve Garr ~ Parks Maintenance Foreman
Chip Taylor~ American Ramp Co.

Item 2. Minutes from Previous Meetings

January 22nd, 2009

Hard copies of the minutes were given to each Board member for review and will be approved at the regularly schedule Park Board Meeting on February 26th, 2009.

Item 3. New Business

Drew Bontrager spoke to the Board about the upcoming joint City Council and Planning and Zoning meeting at 5pm on February 23rd. He stated that the Comprehensive Plan would be on the agenda for that night and would like for the Park Board Members to review all sections of the Comp. Plan that are related to the Parks. Mr. Bontrager had previously made copies of these specific sections and handed them out to the members of

the Park Board. Mr. Bontrager asked the members to review these sections of the Comp. Plan and make any notes or changes they feel are needed prior to the Feb 23rd. Meeting.

Item 4. Old Business

Skate Park Location

Mr. Bontrager addressed the Board and explained that he, Mr. Garr and David Watson, (City Manager) want the Skate Park to be the “best fit” for everyone in the Community. Mr. Bontrager gave the Board members a revised copy of the site plan.

The Skate Park will still be located at the Soccer Complex, but by relocating it South of the concession stands, rather than South of the North parking lot, there will be more distance between the Skate Park and the area homes. This relocation would also encourage people to use the South parking lot, rather than the North. (Again, further away from homes)

Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act

Mr. Bontrager explained to the Board that rather than having the engineering service inspect the pool after the completion of the work, due to the Virginia Graeme Baker Act, it would be more effective to have the engineer on site prior to the work. This would ensure that everyone was on the “same page” with the work needing to be done. After completion, have the engineer return to inspect and sign off on the work. Mr. Bontrager stated that by doing the process in this fashion, the cost would increase from the original \$1500 he had spoken to the Board about in the January meeting to \$2300. Mr. Bontrager wanted the Board to be aware of the cost increase and the reasoning behind it.

Mr. VanBrunt made a motion to approve the cost of \$2300 for the Civil Engineer; (Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act) Mr. Balliett seconded; Approved by unanimous vote.

Item 5. Skate Park Layout and Design/Public Participation

Steve Garr introduced and then turned the meeting over to Chip Taylor from American Ramp Co.

Chip Taylor stated that this meeting was mainly a design meeting. He had the layout of the Skate Park animated on a computer to allow the Skate Boarders to see the design. He explained that the equipment pieces could be moved, and other structures added or removed, however they would need to stay within the budget that the Park Board had set.

Mr. Taylor also explained that the site plan that was being viewed was for a 100 x 50 ft. concrete base.

Chairman Gimson asked Mr. Taylor if the site plan they were viewing was the design that he had discussed with Mr. Garr, and if it was within the budget.

Mr. Taylor said that it was.

Mr. Taylor took numerous questions from the audience about the locations of different structures and relocated them on the site plan. He also explained that some of the structures being requested would consume more funds than available, and if these structures were used for the Skate Park, others would have to be eliminated. After the discussion with the audience, some of the original structures were relocated, with the only addition to the original plan being a 10ft. flat square grind rail.

Chairman Gimson asked Mr. Taylor how much of the equipment could be used by beginners and how much equipment was for the more experienced Boards.

Mr. Garr stated that the beginner structures would be more to one side with the structures in the center being for the more experienced Boards.

Mr. Buck asked if the Skate Park would only be used by skate “boarders”.

Mr. Taylor stated that the equipment could be used for skate boards, in-line skates, and also BMX bikes.

Mr. Garr stated that the Cameron Skate Park would allow both skate boards and in-line skates, but not BMX.

Mr. VanBrunt asked if the concrete slab (base) was going to be 100x50 ft as shown on the site plan, or 100 x 60ft as was discussed at the last Park Meeting.

Mr. Garr stated that because of the relocation of the Skate Park, the size did have to change somewhat.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the 100 x 60ft was an approximate, and currently 100 x 50ft seemed to be a better fit and will still allow all of the structures that had been discussed.

Mr. Buck spoke to the Skate Boarders in the audience, asking them if there were happy with the final reconfiguration of the site plan. He also explained that it would be up to them to help keep the park clean and free of graffiti.

Chairman Gimson stated to the Skate Boarders present that they needed to keep in mind the rules of the Park, and reminded them that there would be a curfew; he stated this curfew would be sunset.

Someone from the audience wanted to know how they could help by adding money for future structures.

Mr. Taylor stated that some areas have formed a “Skate Committee” and held fundraisers to bring in money to help support their Skate Parks.

Mr. Buck informed them that if they were interested in helping out in anyway, they should contact Mr. Garr. He said they might be able to help with the landscaping, or planting trees. But to make sure they contacted Mr. Garr before they did anything in regards to helping at the Skate Park.

Dr. Lovejoy asked about BMX at the Park, wanting to know if a certain day of the week could be set aside just for that purpose, rather than skaters.

Mr. Bontrager reiterated that Cameron would not be allowing BMX at the Skate Park.

Dr. Lovejoy stated that he felt allowing BMX should be an issue that was researched further, stating there were some kids in the Community that would utilize the Park for that purpose.

Mr. Garr stated that when he had originally researched the Skate Park, he was informed that the City's Insurance would cover skate board use and in-line skates but was sure they would not cover BMX.

Chairman Gimson asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Mr. Taylor thanked the skateboarders for their input.

Chairman Gimson commented to the skate boards that this park is where they will need to skate, to please keep that in mind, and to respect the people that do not want them skating on their property.

Chairman Gimson asked Chip Taylor when he would be able to have the final site plan and cost to the Park Board.

Mr. Taylor stated it would take about a week.

Chairman Gimson informed him that another Park Meeting was scheduled for the 26th of Feb, and was hoping to have it back by then.

Mr. Taylor stated that he would have it to the Board before the 26th meeting.

Mr. Bontrager asked Mr. Taylor what the timeline was for the delivery of the structure.

Mr. Taylor stated that from the day the order was placed until the delivery of the structures would be 40 days.

There were no further questions or comments.

Item 10. Adjourn

Mr. Buck made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Balliett seconded; approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

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