

Cameron Park Board Meeting

April 26, 2018

6:00 pm

Cameron City Hall

Members Present:

Chairman – Bill Gimson

Al Briggs

Wendy Copple

Ruth Sears

Carrie Sybert

Richard Whalen – arrive 6:26pm

Members Absent:

Cory Brown

Jennifer Helmich

Jason Jones

Others Attending:

Drew Bontrager – Public Works Director

Steve Garr

Annette Bauer – Cameron Newspaper

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

Approval of February 22, 2018 Minutes

Ms. Copple made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2018 meeting; seconded by Ms. Sybert. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.

Public Participation

Anna Brown from Hamilton, MO approached the Board and expressed interest in utilizing space in the park for yoga/pilates classes and meditation. Ms. Brown stated that she works at Anytime Fitness and wanted to know if this was a possibility for the community.

Chairman Gimson asked how many people would be involved in the classes.

Ms. Brown stated that she is not sure at this time as she does not know what kind of interest members of the community would have in an activity like this.

Mr. Bontrager stated that this topic is on the agenda and would be discussed later on during the meeting.

Car Show

Larry Griffey approached the Board about the upcoming Car Show during the 4th of July weekend. Mr. Griffey would like to rent McCorkle Park to guarantee that it will not be used by other parties during the scheduled show.

Mr. Griffey stated that he currently has a question in with Tim Wymes for Friday/Saturday on the port-a-pots that will be placed at the park as he does not want individuals using them overnight.

Mr. Griffey expressed his confusion on the extra cost for out of town individuals renting the park. He also stated that the Easter Egg Hunt that was held in the park did not follow the rules by filling out the forms and paying the stated fee.

Mr. Griffey stated that he does not want to sign the Park Usage Agreement as he feels he will be liable if an incident happens overnight when he is not there.

Mr. Griffey stated that he wants to enter into a partnership with the Park Board and in turn not be charged for the usage of the Park.

Ms. Sears stated that the Cameron Jaycee's is a service organization, non-profit, that hosted an activity for the community's children.

Mr. Griffey stated that the car show is also a non-profit organization and has held the car show for three years. He does not feel that it is fair to pay to rent the park.

Mr. Garr stated that the fees were set-up for the usage of the park to help re-coop expenses like trash pick-up, damages, maintenance, etc..

Staff stated that the Easter Egg Hunt was not presented to City Staff and happened without prior knowledge; however, an event like that is different than an event that brings in hundreds of people and outside vendors.

Chairman Gimson stated that the Park Usage Agreement was put into place to help eliminate any miscommunication between departments and groups in the City. The contract was developed to help with the scheduling and organization of activities in the Parks. The activities are to be scheduled through Mr. Garr and Mr. Bontrager and they give direction as to how the events should be handled through an administrative perspective.

Ms. Sears asked how many hours the Park needs to be reserved.

Mr. Griffey stated only for approximately four hours and he has spoken to City Council about his need.

Chairman Gimson stated that City Council does not make the decisions for scheduling in the Parks and these arrangements need to go through the Parks Department.

Mr. Bontrager stated that the contract has an area to specify set-up and clean-up times.

Mr. Griffey stated that the Car Show is scheduled between 12:00pm (noon) and 3:00pm. Show staff will arrive around 9:00am to set-up. He stated that if paying the \$125 fee will make the Board happy, he will pay the fee.

Ms. Sears stated that if the stated fee is \$125, she feels it should be paid.

Mr. Garr stated that he will be available to meet with Mr. Griffey Friday afternoon prior to the show to make sure all of the shows needs are met, power, water, etc., prior to the beginning of the show.

Mr. Griffey stated that he expects McCorkle Park to be cleaned and ready for use on Saturday prior to his arrival.

Treasurer's Report

No comment

Director/Foreman's Report

MPRA

Mr. Garr stated that he has been looking into funding sources for the land behind Wal-Mart. There are 25 different grants available through MPRA.

Mr. Garr has already applied for a grant that can be used for an inclusive destination playground. This is a matching grant.

If granted to the City, the equipment could also go in Recreation or McCorkle Park as mentioned in the Vireo Plan.

Mr. Garr suggested placing playground equipment in the circular area of McCorkle Park where the planters are currently located.

If the grant is received, progress would need to be made quickly.

Mr. Garr will keep everyone updated on the grant applied for.

Special Event Use Application

On April 30, 2018, Audio Marketing Professionals will be holding a free concert in McCorkle Park to demonstrate their sound system, speakers, etc. Audio Marketing Professionals also has new high-tech surveillance equipment that staff may be interested in exploring at a later date.

City Council

City Council has approved the Quit Claim Deed with the Feighert's for the property line adjustment at Beavers Park.

City Council has also approved the 2018 Pool Management Agreement with the YMCA. The 2018 season will be one of the highest number of days open due to the timing of the first day of school.

Ability KC

Parks Staff will once again participate with Ability KC and Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Vocational Rehabilitation Services in providing job opportunities for local youth again this season. The anticipated start date for the student workers is May 21, 2018. Students will for four hours per day, Monday through Thursday, for six weeks. A two-week extension will be added for students who miss time due to bank camp, sports camp, family vacations, etc. This program is highly recommended and is no cost to the Parks Department. The youth receive a great learning opportunity and additional help is provided.

School Volunteer Day

School Volunteer Day was held on April 19, 2018. A large number of students volunteered throughout the community and at the reservoirs cleaning up trash, planting and mulching trees and underbrush management.

Arbor Day

Arbor Day is on April 30, 2018. A Baldcypress tree donated by the Tree Patch will be planted in Recreation Park for the Kindergarten class. A list of the location and times of each class' tree was provided to the Board.

Vireo

Vireo is close to finishing the Feasibility Study being completed on the proposed ball complex. They should be ready to present their findings at the next meeting.

Dog Park

The grass is starting to come in at the Dog Park and the installation of a few items is almost complete. Dr. Mark Carr has donated another \$700 for a third bench in the large dog area. Crossroads Correctional Center has donated \$3,700 for a water fountain and Kathy Turner is working with Western Missouri Correctional Center for a donation of an identical fountain for the other dog area. Kathy Turner has also received dog play equipment that was donated to the park and they will be installed soon.

Staff is close opening the Dog Park and hopes to have a Grand Opening of the park soon. Additionally, there will be sidewalks to the park along E Prospect street as the street project for this year is Prospect to Elm.

Park Avenue

Street work and sidewalk repair is planned along Park Avenue this summer. When this is completed, the fitness equipment located on the corner of Seminary and Park Avenue will need to be relocated. Minimal use of the equipment at the current location has been noticed so it is recommended to relocate the equipment to the trail area. The equipment discussed is less likely to be vandalized due to the type of equipment. Staff could then explore a partnership with the School on different types of fitness equipment.

Mr. Whalen asked if City Council needs to give approval prior to the equipment being relocated to the trails.

Mr. Bontrager stated that he does not believe so as it is a recreational area.

Chairman Gimson recommended moving the equipment to the trails.

ADA Swing Set

Parks Staff has been approached by a member of the community with interest in donating money for an inclusive ADA swing set. Staff has met with the individual on the desired location, next to Moose Station.

Mr. Whalen asked if the current swing set in the area also needs to be improved.

Mr. Garr stated that there has been discussion on upgrading and/or improving the current swing set.

Chairman Gimson stated that the ADA set fits in with Moose Station.

Mr. Garr stated that he would like to see the swing area better and more pleasing to toddlers and older kids.

Chairman Gimson stated that the Parks Department should work with the donors to purchase the needed equipment.

The Board instructed staff to move forward with the request.

Member Appointments

The terms of Bill Gimson, Wendy Copple and Ruth Sears expire at the end of the month. Chairman Gimson, Ms. Sears and Ms. Copple have expressed interest in serving for another term.

The member vacancy was advertised in the local paper and one applicant, Matt Arndt, responded.

Mr. Bontrager stated that he will let City Council know that all three members would like to serve another term.

New Business

A: For Profit Events in Parks

A request has been received from an individual wanting to use the parks for profit events such as outdoor yoga and personal fitness classes. The current policy has been limited to use with not for profit organizations. Since the new form has been in place, everyone that has used the parks has been required to abide by the form. There is also usage of the parks without the form that are not approved by City Hall.

Ms. Sears asked if there was a difference if the “business” side of the usage was conducted outside the park.

Mr. Bontrager stated that this is something that needs to be discussed and decided upon.

Anna Brown stated that her idea is she would post on Facebook that a class would be held at the Park and whomever shows up would participate.

Mr. Bontrager stated that if City Staff is aware that a class/event is being held, a contract would need to be in place.

Ms. Brown stated that she is looking for a way to give back to the community.

Chairman Gimson stated that it would be best for Ms. Brown to fill out the requested form and work with Mr. Garr and Mr. Bontrager to see what the best solution to the problem and the Board will discuss.

Mr. Drew stated that there is an issue with the form because it is only for non-for-profit organizations.

It was suggested that for-profits be allowed under certain conditionals with a conditional use permit. The Board would decide what they will/will not allow, charges, etc.

Chairman Gimson suggested setting up a committee to explore a CUP and the parameters.

Mr. Whalen suggested running the idea through the City Attorney.

Mr. Bontrager stated that for-profit organizations have held events in the Park but it has been a very long time ago and will run the scenario through the City Attorney.

Ms. Briggs made a motion to amend the Special Use Agreement to include for-profit organizations for consideration under a Park & Rec Conditional Use Permit; seconded by Ms. Sears. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 6, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 2.

B: Individual/Private Christmas Lighting Displays

The Board tabled the individual/private Christmas Lighting Display discussion to the next meeting.

Motion made by Ms. Copple; seconded by Mr. Whalen. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – 5, nays – 0, abstentions – 0, absent – 3.

Old Business

None

Miscellaneous

None

Adjourn

Ms. Cople made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Whalen. On voice vote the motion carries as follows: ayes – , nays – 0, abstentions –0, absent – .

The next scheduled meeting of the Park Board is scheduled for May 24, 2018 at 6:00 at City Hall.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 pm.

Chris Martin

Secretary Recorder

Cameron, MO 64429

Bill Gensler
5/24/18