

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Special Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, 5/31/01 – 6:30 p.m.
Hearing Room B
County Administration Building

1) Roll Call

Attended:

John Semrau
Carroll Dillon
Colleen Fisher
Keith Magee

Absent:

Lloyd Brown
Curtis Metz

Staff

Bob Vaux
Patrik Dylan
Mary Ann Dodge

Guests

2) Approval of Minutes for April 19th and May 17th.

Keith moved that we approve the minutes from April 19th and Colleen seconded the motion. All passed. Colleen moved that we approve the May 17th minutes, seconded by Keith passed by all.

3) Public Comment Period – no public.

4) REPORTS: No reports tonight.

a) Patrik just mentioned (for Keith and John) how the Northern State planning and information gathering stage is wrapping up, and the analysis

stage is starting. He would like to have a reconvening of the core planning team with two from each group for equal representation. After discussion, the date of July 9th was chosen, and it was suggested that we try to make it less than six hours. John, Keith and Bob committed to being available on this date.

b) Patrik also notified the board that he spoke to Louie Requa and the Northern State Task Force plans to attend the June 11th Commissioners' public comment period with interest regarding Hansen Creek and for a push that development of playfields [at NSRA] go into the permitting phase this year.

Keith raised the concern that the timing of this request is in conflict with the planning process that is underway. The planning process as outlined in January was for a full year. Keith would like the Parks Board to document this concern. John agrees.

Bob and Patrik will be at the Commissioners' meeting when Louie's group arrives. Keith feels the Parks Board also needs to lobby its position at that meeting. Then the Parks Advisory Board will meet with the commissioners the following week.

Keith moved that if the Northern State Task Force goes to the Commissioners meeting with a proposal to proceed with the immediate permitting of any element of the plan, the Parks Advisory Board should oppose their request until the planning process is complete. Colleen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

5) Prepare presentation for Board of County Commissioners June 19th agenda.

REET fund info – John would like to know how much we asked for in the last three years. This would be helpful in talking with the Commissioners.

Keith - look at the progression of what we asked for and what we received ending with 2001 when we got 0. The Comp Plan recommends that we should be getting \$500,000/year.

Comparisons are good with counties having same populations.

We have a one-half hour meeting with the Commissioner, but should have an hour. Bob is working on extending the time allotted. We need statistics to support the figures such as Capital Facilities plan standards. Stick on the subject of money to complete projects that have hung around for years and meet demand for services that we have been mandated to supply. Remember to reference the Fair as a participant in the Parks and Recreation budget discussion. The Parks Board will leave specific funding requests for the Fair to the Fair Board. We must be careful too include the NSRA project as an aspect of our department's work, but not as a monopoly on the budget and staff time. REET funds will not cover what we're proposing at NS. We can't rely too heavily on REET.

John – will present it all, not divide it up among the PAB members. All Board members hope to be in attendance on June 19th.

6) New Business

Assistant Director status – eleven people out of 46 applicants were interviewed. Of those, four have been selected for a second interview on June 13th.

7) Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Discussion Period

John asked for the status of Parks Board applications. Bob will be working on this.

8) Adjournment

Carroll moved that we adjourn, Colleen seconded the motion.