

MEETING NOTES
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016 @ 7:00PM
JAMES J. EAGAN CENTER

Board Members Present: Linda Rose, Walt Kaiser, Peggy Dussold, Rev. G. Robinson, Timothy Gorry, Monica Wideman and Tom Wolf

Not in attendance: Ben Eye and Robert Shoemaker

City Attendance: Todd Schmidt & Beth Goldstein

Approval of Minutes: Walt Kaiser made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Peggy Dussold. All in attendance approved.

Citizen Participation: None

Report from Accessible Play: In attendance from Accessible Play were Chris Keyon, Janice Lay and Karen Behlmann. Chris gave report that they are excited for the New Year and look forward to working with Unlimited Play. They are working on the contract and also added a new person to the organization. Accessible Play is teaming up with Carney's Kids Foundation which is run by John Carney. Carney's Kids Foundation, through public events and media exposure, provide financial support and create positive publicity for not-for-profit organizations whose primary goal is to improve the lives of children. The next event the Foundation is hosting is scheduled for February 27th, 2016 and will be held at Ameristar. The event will include 17 different restaurants, silent auction, open bar, all you can eat, 2 comedians and much more.

Report from Director

- Items on the Calendar
 1. The Ice Rink will be hosting a Midwestern Hockey Tournament (Sat. 1/16 - Mon. 1/18). Public Sessions and rentals during that time will be cancelled.
 2. A "Resident Appreciation Skate" will be held on MLK Holiday (Mon. 1/18, 2-4PM). Residents with valid ID are free. Non-Residents pay normal fee.
- New playground equipment has been installed at Dunegant Park. The playground surface was constructed with drainage borders with an accessible concrete path to the equipment.
- The Sunset Greenway Trail near the HWY 67 overpass (adjacent to Ruiz Restaurant) sustained some damage during the recent torrential downpour of rain. The swollen Coldwater Creek caused a tree to fall on the railing along the path and some of the subsurface of the path was washed away. Great Rivers Greenway has been notified and will be assessing the damage.
- The P & R Department submitted an application to the St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission requesting funds for the construction of a Korean War Memorial and

Monument at St. Ferdinand Park. We have yet to receive “official” confirmation of the approval of the grant funds.

- The remediation of the radioactive contaminated soil in Duchesne Park is still scheduled to be in February. However, due to on-going and extensive work in the City of Hazelwood, the expected start of Florissant’s remediation work will most likely be postponed.
- The new Parks and Recreation Dept. user fees and fee structure went into effect on December 1st. So far, everything seems to be going quite well.
- There are plans to renovate the Bockrath-Weise House in St. Ferdinand Park for future private rentals and parties. The city will be allocating some funds, but a local 501c3 organization will be handling the renovation project and future management of the facility.
- An appropriation of \$9,800 will be submitted to the City Council for publicity and advertising for the Golf Course. The funds will include advertising on billboard signs along HWY 370, and the cost of advertising in “\$hopper\$ Edge” which is a mailer to 72,000 homes in Northwest and West Counties.
- All agendas and minutes for Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meetings will be posted on the City’s website, and the website has been updated with current P & R Advisory Board information.

Announcements: None

Communications: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

2016 Tour of Parks: We need to set up a time for all Park Board members to meet on a Saturday morning to see all of the City parks. Walt suggested the tour of all the parks be on April 30th, 2016 beginning at 9:00 AM. This is pending the City Bus is available. Details will be discussed at the next meeting in February.

Ideas for 2016:

Monica Wideman suggested that for next year, Florissant consider hosting a New Year’s Eve family event. Typically, she and many other families go to First Night (downtown), but it was cancelled this year because they have outgrown their venue. They do face painting, performances (magic show, puppet show, acrobatics and music), and food trucks line the street. Florissant currently hosts a resident appreciation skate, but it's early in the day. A slightly longer event, 6-9 or 6-10, would still get families home early, and could end in a fire work countdown at 10 to conclude the event. It should not be hard getting volunteers and people to work.

Peggy was interested in this type of event and has a lot of ideas. Todd suggested the Park Board form a committee to investigate the cost of this type of event and what all is involved. Peggy suggested trying something small the first year and then add on as it grows.

Linda has an idea to possibly have an ECO Day in Florissant. The idea is to showcase products, services and technology that promote a healthy and Eco-friendly lifestyle. In Florida they have this and do a clean-up of city property. We could have an education type event for all ages such as business's that educate people on recycling and planting. She will gather more ideas and bring to a future meeting.

Walt suggested working the bike trail into this event. Peggy suggested using the maps that Tim Barrett made of the bike trails, which are divided into "east side" and "west side" Trails. We would put one map on the website, people can ride the trail, and then have a spot for comments.

Linda gave a reminder the Board would like to update the website with new park pictures after everything is blooming. Peggy said she would take care of taking pictures.

Election of Officers:

The current officers are Linda Rose, President and Peggy Dussold, Vice President. Walt asked Linda if she would consider serving another term as President for 2016. Linda said yes. Linda then asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Walt then asks if Peggy would consider serving another term as Vice President. Peggy also said yes. Linda then asked if there were any other nominations. There were none. Everyone present agreed that Linda Rose continue as President for 2016. Linda did accept the position of President. Then everyone agreed that Peggy would remain Vice President for the 2016 year. Peggy did accept the position of Vice President. No one present wanted to run for these positions.

Adjournment: Walt made a motion to adjourn at 7:54 PM and it was seconded by Tim. All present were in favor.