

MEETING NOTES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2016 @ 7:00PM
JAMES J. EAGAN CENTER

Board Members Present: Linda Rose, Walter Kaiser, Rev. Edward Robinson, Ben Eye, Robert Shoemaker and Carole Webb

Not in attendance: Peggy Dussold, Timothy Gorry and Monica Wideman

City Attendance: Cheryl Thompson and Beth Goldstein

Approval of Minutes: Meeting began at 7:02 p.m. Walt made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Rev. Robinson. All in attendance approved.

Citizen Participation: Residents Tracy & Gloria Cufade attended and presented a letter to the board concerning the loud noise from late night ice rentals. (See attached letter) They wanted the Park Board to be aware of this problem in hopes that they could recommend a solution. Cheryl Thompson said she will pass the letter onto the Director.

Report from Accessible Play: Chris Kenyon was in attendance. They are just waiting for the contract between the city and Unlimited Play to be approved before they can do any fundraising. Cheryl asked about getting more mallets to replace the ones that were stolen and Chris will check into it.

Report from Superintendent

1. Project Lift Off – December 3, 2016 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM at James J. Eagan Center. This event is for 5th thru 8th grade students. They swim, ice skate, dance and eat pizza.
2. Snack with Santa – December 10th, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM @ The Nature Lodge.
3. Sharing and Caring Food Drive has started. The last day for a donation is December 16th, 2016. You can drop off your items at James J. Eagan Center, JFK Community Center and City Hall. The city then donates these items to TEAM.
4. The City is offering the Letters from Santa program again this year. Information on the child needs to be submitted before December 15th, 2016 to allow Santa enough time to reply before Christmas
5. The House Decorating Contest will be judged on December 14th, 2016.
6. The Ice Rink is open. We had a few warm days earlier in the month and had to shut down a couple days due to weather.
7. We have a new Rain Out Number for Parks and Recreation. The number is 314-266-7335. You can also download an app on your phone. This will show when locations are open or closed.

We have received notice that we have been approved to receive the Grant for Manion Park. We should receive the contract sometime in December. Hopefully the plans will go out for bid in February. Phase I will include parking lot, horseshoe pits, smaller picnic tables and retention

area for the water. Walt asked if Manion Road would be closed during construction. Cheryl will check into this. Chris asked what the total grant amount is and Cheryl said it was put in for around \$565,000.00

Bid opening for the Disc Golf Tees will be November 18th, 2016.

Construction will start before the end of the month on Pavilion #2 at St. Ferdinand and #2 at Bangert. The Florissant Valley Library has shut down access to the rear parking lot and pavilion #2. Access to the road behind the pool will be limited at least until June 1st, if not later. Walt wanted to make sure the closure would not interfere with Veterans Parade.

The H.V.A.C. project at JJE is close to wrapping up.

The remediation of the contaminated soil at Duchesne is complete but the park will remain closed due to the fact the Archdiocese property adjacent to the park still has work that needs to be completed. The dog park is open.

We currently gained another park policeman so we are now up to three dedicated for park police and possibly in January, when Lori Bethmann retires from the F.D.P., we will have a 4th park police officer.

Ben questioned why the pads are taking so long. He thought they began this discussion last year. Cheryl said public works has had many projects this year so it was hard to get them all out earlier in the year. The funds are still available and will be encumbered during this fiscal year so that this project can be completed.

New Business: None

Announcements: Walt announced the Veterans Parade is Sunday, November 13, 2016 beginning at 1:00 PM. They have added two new units; Ms. Senior Missouri and her Court and Ms. Princess Missouri, who is 8 years old. Parade starts at Bangert. The ceremony will be outside at the VFW Hall and the food will be inside.

No meeting in December, 2016. Next meeting is January 11, 2017 and election of officers will take place at that meeting.

Communications: None

Unfinished Business: None

Adjournment: Rev. Robinson made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. and it was seconded by Ben Eye. All present were in favor.

November 7, 2016

TO: Mayor Thomas Schneider,

Council Members: Jeff Caputa, Joseph Eagan, Gerard Henke, Brendan Kane,
Tim Lee, Jackie Pagano, Keith Schildroth, Mark Schmidt,

Parks Dept: Todd Schmidt, Tommy Slam

FROM: Tracy & Gloria Cufaude
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SUBJECT: Florissant Ice Rink Problem at James J. Egan Civic Center

It's sad that I find myself in front of you again requesting that the quiet we enjoy during daytime hours we enjoy from the ice rink we cannot enjoy in the night hours in the City of Florissant. My wife and I are not allowed to have a peaceful nights rest in our home with the noise coming from hockey players going at it 'til mid-night. My wife (since 1965) and I (since 1974) have owned property 2790 and 2810 Parker Rd. We have been retired for quite a few years and have begun to have a number of health related problems and sleeping has become a very important part of our life and treatment program.

Back in 2009, the City started to have late night Ice Hockey (until 11pm). A resolution was made and the city changed the closing hour to 10 pm and we were able to live with it.

However, Sunday night the City had the rink open till 12:00 AM. I call the Police and requested that they have the Ice Rink closed so that I could get some rest. On Monday, I found out (from Brandan) that they had signed a contract(s) with team(s) **(I do not know how many team(s), OR if any of them are Florissant Residence). They will be allowed to play Ice Hockey Thursday through Sunday nights from 9:00 PM until Midnight. With clean up, the noise doesn't stop before 12:30 AM.**

The City Council has passed a number of laws aimed at making the City of Florissant a better place to live and baring companies and workers from operating during normal sleeping hours. Yet the Parks Department feels that they can sign contracts that break the laws of the City and shred the peaceful residential environment citizens have come to expect when they own or lease homes. We as citizens pay the bills and elect Officials and expect the employees to obey the laws.

Brendan, (after talking to Todd) called me later in the day and told me that they were working with the teams to see if they could maybe cut it back one hour. But he said whatever the answer was I had to live with it till the rink closed next spring. **He also told me that the hours for next year would be reduced 1 hour to 11:00 PM. This is not acceptable.**

What we want the City to do is respect the residents of the City and operate in the normal hours (9:00 PM on school nights 10:00 PM on Friday and Saturday nights). We want and require good night sleep for health reasons. There are other Florissant residences who are having the same problem with the noise.

Back in 2009 the City was trying to get a grant to enclose the Ice Rink which did not happen. The City had 7 years to come up with an answer, and the park fund has had the money to resolve the issue (before it was moved to other places).

In looking for additional information on this subject, I find out that the Parks Department is planning on adding additional seating to the rink so that fans can come and watch the games. This will add additional traffic and noise to the problem.

If business was to request a permit to operate an open air Ice Hockey Rink in a residence setting; it is my hope the City would reject it. After reading why this is being done, I have the feeling that the City is actively seeking and writing contacts as if it is business and not a City Department looking out for its citizens.

The City is not being realistic about subjecting citizens to hour after hour, 7 days a week (while living in a private residence) to the noise that comes with playing hockey. In addition to the impact on the older and school age residents, this activity will have a negative impact on property value of our holding. This also has an impact on all the surrounding residents.

How would you like an open air Ice Hockey rink (15 hour) across the street from you?

The real answer is either enclosing it or shut it down.

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