## MEETING NOTES WEDNESDAY, September 13, 2017 @ 7:00PM JAMES J. EAGAN CENTER

**Board Members Present:** Linda Rose, Walt Kaiser, Peggy Dussold, Rev. Robinson, Ben Eye, Tim Gorry, Monica Wideman and Carole Webb

Not in attendance: Robert Shoemaker excused

City Attendance: Cheryl Thompson and Beth Goldstein

**Approval of Minutes:** Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. All in attendance approved minutes as

written.

Report from Accessible Play: Karen Behlmann was in attendance and did not have anything to

report.

Citizen Participation: No citizens in attendance

## **Report from Superintendent:**

- Both outdoor pools have closed.
- JJE Indoor pool reopened on September 5<sup>th</sup>
- The contractor for Phase I of Manion Park Project has been recommended by Todd and me and it is now awaiting Public Works approvals. We would predict that by the first or middle of next week it will be approved. The contractor will need to get various forms submitted to the city before they can receive a letter to proceed. We anticipate that construction will start in early October. Peggy questioned if the Park would have water cooling area for special needs that heat up easily. Chery stated they were included. The group discussed the different parks and variety of water cooling equipment.
- The advisory commission for the Park Grant Commission will meet on September 26<sup>th</sup> to make recommendations to the Commission what will be approved in November or December.
- Budget has been submitted and the public budget study session is tentatively scheduled on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. On this day each department has a time frame to present their portion of the budget.
- Each department has been charged with reducing costs and increasing revenue.
- Thus, our department is making the recommendation to reduce the hours of operation at the centers to M-F 6 a.m. 9p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. 7 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. 6 p.m. Fall Spring M-F 6 a.m. 8p.m., Sat. 8 a.m. 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. 5 p.m. Summer
- We have changed the Rec III's duties, the night time and weekend building supervisor. We anticipate being able to cut some of the hours for the workers at the front desk, thus at the end of shifts it will be the supervisors needing to run the front desk by themselves for an hour or so.

- We have also recommended increasing the price of summer camp to decrease the subsidized amount the city is required to run this program. We are now the cheapest summer program in the area. Due to staffing we are considering moving up registration date for nonresidents.
- It is also being recommended to start charging for the I.D.'s cards.
- We are cutting the operation of a concession stand in St. Ferdinand Park.
- The suggestion to close Koch Park Aquatic Center will also be proposed. Linda asked with shutting down Koch Pool do we have an idea of how much it will cost to remove all of it. The Council would like a splash pad. Cheryl spoke with a pool contractor that gave us some good ideas. They will take these to Council to see what they are thinking. Then we will do this in phase's first tear out the current pool and bath house then start with a splash pad. Other municipalities have all their pool areas at one location which is what the staff would like. Discussion by all on various pool areas.
- The 5K Glow Run will be this Saturday, I have made copies of the instruction to the participants to share with you. So far we have 215 participants signed up.
- This past Saturday there was a ribbon cutting ceremony for the first NOCO Rocks, Rock Garden at St. Ferdinand. Additional gardens will be installed at City Hall, in the Rose Garden at the Eagan Center and an area adjacent to the Koch Pool building on the parking lot side.

**Announcements:** Tim Gorry announced that the Disc Golf Tournament was a huge success. They had 35 players. He is hoping to have more tournaments in the future.

Mayors Town Hall meeting at JJE Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 9:00 AM to Noon

Ward Meeting at JJE Thursday September 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

**Communications:** None

**New Business:** Peggy reported that the Florissant Elks would like to help out on future events with the city.

The Board will have a tent at the Fall Festival. Let Linda know if you can work. Cheryl will get brochures and candy to hand out to Linda. Peggy and Linda are putting together a game.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**Adjournment**: Walt made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. and was seconded by Tim Gorry.