

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2007

Maritime Museum @ Currie Park

4:00p.m.

Present; Patt Sned, Kerry Gallagher, Cliff Bridges, Anne Harrison, Curtis Kelly	Staff present: Christine Thrower, Jonathan Bramely
Absent; Kirk Olney, Gregory Burdick	Guest: Dave Potter

Topic	Discussion	Follow up
Approve minutes from previous meeting.	Cliff Bridges motioned to approve minutes from May 2007 meeting. Ann Harrison made a motion to second.	
Maritime Museum representative; Anthony Miller, Director of Special Events and Maritime Museum.	Mr. Miller addressed PRAC members with a background of daily activities in regard to operations of the Maritime Museum. The Maritime Museum is open from 10-2pm Monday through Friday, no weekends. The ferry runs once a day, 4 days a week to Peanut Island. The ferry leaves at 10am from the Maritime Museum dock. Christine addressed access to the building in regard to the bathroom(s). Previous events required a temporary gate with staff or a volunteer present. Issues addressed were cost options; staff cost and design option; gate, accordion style or fence. <i>(Museum is complying with their contract with the City that states the museum is to be open 20 hours per week).</i>	Christine Thrower was requested by PRAC to share ideas for public access to bathroom(s) located in the Museum at Currie Park to Commission. Re; cost, design.
Jonathan Bramley, Director of Engineering	Jonathan presented PRAC with a cost estimate of roofing projects for South Olive, Grassy Waters Preserve, Phipps, Howard and Dreher Park(s), including FEMA funding percentage(s). Jonathan asked if PRAC would recommend the funding. Cliff Bridges motioned to recommend the funding and Anne Harrison made a motion to second.	
PRAC input on possible budget savings and revenue opportunities for the fiscal year 2008.	Cliff Bridges addressed the budget issue and stated, "there is fat in department administration", what deductions have been made regarding staff positions within Parks and Recreation? Needs re-organization for sometime. Christine addressed staffing issues with consolidate, lay-offs are very likely.	PRAC members are to email Christine suggestions for budget issues discussed at

Gaines Park Multi-purpose building update.	Jonathan Bramely stated, "The Contract for the design is expected to be received; the construction can not be bid until the design is finished".	
Youth Empowerment update.	Plans are currently in place to create a summer program at Gaines Park YEC. Some of the plans would be to move a wall allowing additional space, upgrade electric, and kitchen improvements. <i>*City Place has donated One Hundred Thousand Dollars toward YEC programs to be held at Gaines Park. Some of the programs would include dances on Saturday nights with a local D.J.</i>	
Public Comment	Dave Potter addressed PRAC and Christine in regard to Osprey Park and the problem with the lights. Christine knew of the issue and told Mr. Potter she would check on the order that will correct the lighting issue.	
Adjourn	PRAC adjourned at 5:50pm	Next meeting , July 10, 2007 @ 4:00pm in City Hall, Room 519.