

Norman Board of Parks Commissioners
April 3, 2014

The Norman Board of Parks Commissioners of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, met in the City Council Chambers on the 3rd day of April, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. and notice and agenda of the meeting were posted at 201 West Gray Street, 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ITEM 1, being:

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Chappel, Hoover, Perry and Stewart

Absent: Commissioners Brockhaus, London and Wright

City Officials

Present: Jud Foster, Director of Parks and Recreation

ITEM 2, being:

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 6, 2014 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Hoover made the motion and Commissioner Brigham seconded to approve the minutes. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Chappel, Hoover, Perry and Stewart

NAY: None

ITEM 3, being:

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Hoover made the motion and Commissioner Stewart seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Chappel, Hoover, Perry and Stewart

NAY: None

ITEM 4, being:

PRESENTATION OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE FIREHOUSE ART CENTER

Douglas Elder, Executive Director of the Firehouse Art Center presented to the board. He thanked the Parks Board and the Parks and Recreation Department for their support. The Firehouse has become part of the Allied Arts. They worked with 3,496 students in the Norman Public School system this year. Over 13,000 citizens have been served through the Community Art programs.

The Firehouse Art Center has initiated partnerships to provide public art in the Norman community. The Samo Ducky project is the ongoing result of the partnership. Currently there are 12 ducks installed in the parks. Art education at the Firehouse is available to individuals ages five and up, including a special program for those with disabilities. Events for 2013 included the Chocolate Festival; Midsummer Night's Fair; Luncheon on the Grass, two visiting out of state artists workshops and seven gallery openings.

A written report including a financial report was submitted prior to the meeting. The board acknowledged the report.

ITEM 5, being:

PRESENTATION OF ACTIVITIES FROM THE NORMAN FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Mickey Williams, Coordinator of the Norman Football Academy presented to the board. This year there were 22 teams which was a decrease over the previous year. This year due to weather delays they were unable to host the A Class and B Class tournaments this fall, but plan to hold them this spring.

Mr. Williams reported the fields were in good shape. Safety is the number one concern. Their officials are tested. Future plans for the league is to hold a regional Flag Football Tournament with teams from Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma at the end of next season.

A written report including financial information was provided. The board acknowledged the report.

ITEM 6, being:

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Foster updated the board on the Kidspace Project and thanked those who came out to help with the effort. Commissioner Brigham stated the Parks Department did a great job.

Upcoming activities include the Medieval Fair at Reaves Park this weekend and the fishing derby which will be held for the first time at the Griffin Lake. There is more room available and an easier shoreline at the Griffin location. OU's volunteer effort "The Big Event" will have three groups this weekend working on projects at Sutton Wilderness, Westwood Pool and a group that will clean and wax the bronze statue pieces throughout town.

Weather is dictating the progress at Legacy Park; they are making good progress and are still looking at an August completion date. The new shelter in Andrews Park is supposed to be finished by Mayfair. The youth baseball softball regular registration process has finished up and late registration is underway.

Workers began this week to replace the slide pool filter tank at Westwood Pool.

Next month will be the park tour. Commissioner Hoover requested to see the new concession stand at Reaves Park.

ITEM 7, being:

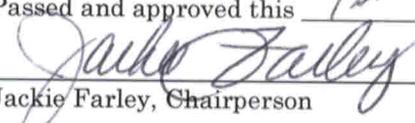
ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Stewart made the motion and Commissioner Perry seconded to adjourn. The vote was taken with the following results:

YEAH: Chairman Farley and Commissioners Brigham, Chappel, Hoover,
Perry and Stewart

NAY: None

Passed and approved this 1st of May 2014



Jackie Farley, Chairperson