

Park Board Meeting – 10/08/2007

Meeting Chair: Park Board Chair Doug Dailey called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

In Attendance:

Doug Dailey, Park Board Chair
Ron Crow, Park Board Member
Darrel Zimmerman, Park Board Member
Justin Huslig, Recreation Programs and Aquatic Pool Manager
Jay Garvin, Director of Parks and Recreation

Not in Attendance:

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve April minutes was postponed until November meeting.

Treasurer's Report

General and Shugart Funds Report.

	May	June	July	August	September
General Fund					
Park Fees	90,047.12	90,397.12	90,532.12	93,218.62	94,034.62
Liquor Tax	31,142.38	31,142.38	33,190.41	33,190.41	33,190.41
Cash Balance	21,612.61	21,612.61	10,227.99	-272.01	-272.01
Total	111,802.29	97,099.60	86,428.83	87,478.83	78,793.43
Shugart Fund	20,881.55	21,271.42	21,271.42	21,271.42	21,271.42

- Interest accrued from the Shugart Fund can only be used for improvements at Miller Park.
- Current Activity
 - Building permits totally \$270
 - Liquor Tax for \$3,044.60
 - Riverfront Park Master Plan \$12,000

Old Business

1) Park Board Packet Review

The Park Board packet was created to help place context around the roles and responsibilities of the volunteer park board. It will be used as a tool to inform residents who may have an interest to join the park board. We have two open chairs on the board. The board reviewed the final draft of the park packet. One correction was needed specific to a date. It was agreed that Doug Dailey would pass the final update along to city staff for review and approval. Upon approval, a public invitation would be placed in the De Soto Explorer and website updates made for individuals to view the park board packet online.

2) Park Board Membership

The board agreed to take a more deliberate approach to identifying candidates for the remaining open chairs on the board. The board has a desire to find individuals with some parks, city government, or volunteer experience with the goal to have a well-rounded team equipped to work with both the city staff and community at large.

3) Friends of the Park projects

The Friends of the Parks (FOP) are considering three projects that would contribute to the city's park systems; additional 6 benches at Miller Park, soccer goals at Miller Park, and landscaping at the pool shelter. The FOP has agreed in principal to these projects and we are working with them on specifics. The board will share the proposed layout of the additional benches with the FOP, as well as a landscape rendering provided by Indigo Design at no cost.

Ron Crow made a motion to approve the use of the Shugart Fund for the placement of concrete pads for additional park benches and historical markers pending agreement by the FOP to fund the purchase of said benches. The motion was seconded by Darrel Zimmerman. The MOTION CARRIED.

4) New Greenhouse Opportunity

Doug Dailey shared details around the possible donation of a 40' X 120' greenhouse by a local De Soto resident. The board discussed some possible locations for the greenhouse and possible organizations that would have interest in helping to maintain a community based gardeners program. The board will be reaching out to various individuals and organizations to learn more about options that might exist. This will be an on-going area of interest and updates provided over time.

5) Update on the Kaw River Project

Phase I of the Kaw River project is schedule for a vote by city council on the 10th. Jay Garvin provided the board with an update on the current status of the project and pending an approval by the city council to proceed with funding of phase I, the board will schedule to invite Doug Pickert to the November meeting to provide a detail update.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

Member Comments

Darrel Zimmerman suggested that the Park Board develop a programmed approach to communicating with the local community about Parks and Recreation. The board as a whole agreed and thought that the idea of a quarterly open house for Parks and Recreation updates would be a good idea to keep interested residents informed and offer an opportunity to provide feedback to the city. The board will place this on the agenda for the November meeting and begin to explore what the content and forum might look like.

Closing of the October Meeting

Ron Crow made a motion to close out the meeting at 8:43 PM. The motion was seconded by Darrel Zimmerman. The MOTION CARRIED.