

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
August 3, 2022

Call to Order

Doris called meeting to order at 5:39 pm

Jamie MacDonald

Ashley Brown

Doris Michalak *present*

Kristy Holder

Heather Tuggle *present*

Lynda Schubring

Nancy Manlove *present*

Rachel Beazley *present*

Robyn Taylor

Clare Towery

Michelle Mitcham *present*

Felicity Singleton *present*

Isaac Recinos *present*

Sebastian Marquis *present*

Robert Basford *present*

Maria Thorne *present*

Approval of Minutes from (previous meeting)

A motion was made to approve minutes by Nancy and was seconded by Rachel.

Citizen Comments

None

Items for individual consideration

a. Lazy Day 1.5 K

The Lazy Day 1.5 K - "A run for non-runners" will be on October 1st. Isaac explained that the goal of the event is to go as slow as possible along the course with different stations and fun activities. He described last year's event and the stations that they had. Isaac said that he needs ideas for stops and self-led activities along the trail. Last year there were 6 stations. The tailgate station would be at the end of the course.

There was talk about making the Lazy Day 1.5K a yearly event and maybe registering it as a race route to contribute to the race series. The trails through the bayou were mentioned. Robert also talked about branding the event and designing a custom medal. The t-shirt design and stickers were also discussed.

The cost to enter was discussed. We only need about 50 people to sign up to fund it. Robert wants to target 100 participants. Last year's cost for participating was \$40 and adult participants received a t-shirt, a medal, a meal, and a free beer. Could we lower price and have food trucks for people to buy their own meal? Maybe charge \$25 to \$30? Can some of the money come from the events budget? Last year, Mr. Donut provided donut holes. Senate Avenue Brewery donated a beer to each person and Michelle said that they would do it again this year.

Having an inflatable as part of the course was discussed. The time of the event was discussed. Closing the bridge at the golf course was discussed. The resident that puts a tarp on the grass down the hill was brought up.

Robert asked the committee to come up with ideas for stops along the trail, but to also be the solution for implementing them. The stops should be self-led. Isaac listed the

stations that he would like to keep: the water balloons, joke water station, ice cream and the donut holes. Members also brought up a kiddie pool with gelatin, a foam truck, office chairs, golf carts, tandem bikes, and maybe rolling giant dice like a Candy-Land game with cards that send people back. Doris talked about having a station where runners have to stop to take a photo or photo booth station with polaroid photos. Would like to come up with enough activities so that we can start promoting soon on the JV Star, Play Guide, social media, etc. Want to get a picture of the medal on the marquee to advertise.

Robert talked about doing a spoof warm-up session similar to what Josh did last year. The event will start at 11 and will be about 2 hours long. Robert gave a rundown of the items on his list for the event: photo booth, lower price, obstacles, inflatable, custom medal, t-shirts, water sponge balls and buckets, ice cream in coolers, donuts, and yard games. The tailgate will be at the end with food, yard games, and picnic tables. Isaac will look into the cost of medals and t-shirts.

Robert talked about getting Sebastian to build a podium with 3 first places. There was talk about contacting Mattress Mack about getting recliners.

Someone asked about National Night Out and the committee explained that it is an event that is handled by the police department. Robert said that he would bring it up with PD.

Doris asked staff to figure out what they could do and then let the committee know what they need to help with. Set up and tear down are the things that staff needs help with.

b. Fall Frolic

Fall Frolic will be on Friday October 28th at the Clark Henry pool parking lot. Isaac asked committee members to decide, and that he will contact the DJ, the face painting, and food trucks. Doris brought up the photo booth. She will do a schedule like last year and will get committee members to sign up. Isaac asked committee members to solicit businesses and organizations for trunks to come and give candy away. Trunks will need to provide about 1200 pieces of candy to give away. Doris will get committee to sign up for things.

Lighting was a major issue last year. The plan is to have light towers this year and to have the entire trail lit. The location of the food trucks and generators were discussed. The layout and location of the trunks was talked about along the trail. Doris mentioned that there is a person that coordinates with Post Elementary and that they hand out flyers to solicit trunks. Rebecca will be invited to the next meeting. Isaac said that there were about 2000 people last year and that he may need to get about 9 food trucks.

A haunted school bus and a haunted trail were discussed. Doris asked Felicity to check with the school drama group about doing a haunted house or haunted trail. Bounce houses were discussed. Doris said that they might be needed based on experience from past years. The contests and activities that the DJ does were talked about.

Robert stated that we have a \$2000 budget for fall frolic, and he gave a recap of the items on his list: DJ, photo booth, food trucks, contacts for the school, haunted trail, and a scavenger hunt. Also discussed: having fire trucks, classic cars, trunk decorating contests. Doris will work on her spreadsheet. Isaac will call Billy Jack. Prizes are also needed for games. Otter pops were mentioned.

Robert mentioned that the city events are easily accessible on the website. Isaac mentioned adding a page for the Lazy Day event. Nancy asked about having an all season all event pass for the city. Robert said that it was being considered, but that the administering of that is complicated at this time. Park passports and bucket lists were discussed.

Parks and Recreation Directors Report

Still working on the restroom at Carol Fox Park. Diving board replacement for the pool is delayed due to supply chain issues. Our new recreation software will be implemented this month. The Golf Course is doing very well. We are still waiting for items to arrive for the Welwyn Park improvements: zip line, swings, gazebo, benches.

Future agenda item request

Next Meeting Date

9-7-22

Adjournment

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Nancy and was seconded by Rachel.