

Kentwood Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting

January 9th, 2011 - 5:15 PM
Kentwood Activities Center

Roll Call: Mimi Madden, Darius Quinn, Steve Redmond, Bob Jones and Bob Coughlin.
Absent with Notification: Dale Potter. Absent: Carolyn Oliver, Laura Johnson and Kevin Small.

Staff: Charlie Ziesemer, Parks & Recreation Director; Kendall Klingelsmith, Deputy Director

Visitors: None

1) Schedule of Capital Improvements

Ziesemer reviewed the proposed schedule of capital improvements for the upcoming six years. This list is used as a guideline for future park improvements with the park millage as the City's main source of funding. The Park Millage will expire after 2013. The City Commission will be looking at this source of funding as well as the Parks & Recreation Department funding during their next retreat in February. The proposed schedule includes grant submittals for park improvements. Highlights of the schedule: Court resurfacing at Veterans and Burgis Parks; Trail enhancements and development; future park development of existing park properties; playground enhancements; school playground grants; and miscellaneous purchases.

Motion by Jones, second by Madden to submit to Planning and Finance Departments, the 2011 to 2016 Schedule of Capital Park Improvements.

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2) Staff Report

Cost of Freedom Tribute was updated with a video presentation. Ziesemer visited with the chair of the Cadillac Tribute that was run last year. Many tips of does and don'ts were discussed. A organizational meeting of core personnel will be scheduled next week. The Commission was excited about the project and is looking forward to involvement.

"On the Border" kickoff fundraiser for the July Cost of Freedom Celebration is January 11. This year we are receiving 15% plus the kids eat free. Flyers were distributed with encouragement to invite your family, friends and co-workers.

New Family Night and Daddy Daughter Dance flyer was distributed. Awesome Dish (Super Bowl Sunday) event was discussed.

3) Commissioner's Report:

Redmond: Steve asked about the School Assistance grant timeline. It was decided that February would be the best month for teachers and staff to get involved with the grant program. Steve also asked about the status of the final Trail Plan that was worked on by the Trail Committee. Darius suggested that a large City Map with the trail plan be available for the Commission at future meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.