

**Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission**  
**Council Chambers, City Hall**  
**March 24, 2014 – 6 p.m.**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chairman Espich.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

**Roll Call:** Taken by Recording Secretary Marty Stinson.

**Members Present:** Chairman Michael Espich; Vice-Chairman Jeff Selbig (arrived 6:11 pm), Commissioners Tim Alderman, Nikki Hathaway, and Kristen Woodbury.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Others Present:** Susan Montenegro, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development; Daniel Vargas; and William Pattengill, owner of Old Man's Tree Service.

**Approve Agenda for March 24, 2014 meeting.**

**A motion to approve the agenda for March 24, 2014 meeting was made by Commissioner Alderman and supported by Commissioner Hathaway.**

**Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

**Approve Minutes from February 24, 2014 meeting:**

**A motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2014 meeting was made by Commissioner Hathaway and supported by Commissioner Woodbury.**

**Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

**Public Comments:**

Mr. Dan Vargas commented on a bike rack that he is making. Scott on Corunna Avenue is making a sign which is costing \$175 for materials only.

Commissioner Selbig arrived at 6:11 p.m.

The sign will read "Bentley Park" in cutout lettering to be placed on top of the bike rack.

Ms. Sue Montenegro, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development stated they would need a written estimate to be able to submit to the council for a recommendation. Mr. Vargas stated the rack would hold 11 bikes on each side. It will have an apparatus on the bottom to be buried to hold it in the ground and to support the metal sign on top of it.

**Motion by Commissioner Alderman, supported by Commissioner Woodbury to recommend the project documents be submitted to the city council for the bike rack for \$175 for the sign portion and \$43.72 for the bike rack material by Dan Vargas for a total of \$218.32.**

**Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

**Communications:**

1. Staff memorandum
2. February 24, 2014 minutes

**Business:**

### **1. Plunge for the Park Recap**

Chair for the event, Nikki Hathaway, emphatically stated it was cold! It was announced that after the pledges are completed, Dr. Jafri will make up the difference, so the ice skating rink will happen in 2014-15. There were 17 absolutely crazy plungers dedicated to the parks and recreation. There was a big audience and this looks to be a growing event. The top earner was Jodi Lindall with \$570, and she also won the best costume contest.

Discussion continued with a suggestion to have the plunge next year in February because so many liked going through the ice. Another suggestion was to have a box for each diver to collect donations for style of dive. The divers liked having the paramedics (who were in scuba gear) in the water and the ambulance on hand even though there were no emergencies. People really liked the T-shirts offered. John Lowman from the Wrought Iron Grill gave 10% discount for food purchased if people said they were from the Park Plunge, and he also donated a gift certificate towards prizes.

### **2. Disc Golf Update / Funds Disbursement**

Chairman Espich commented there is approval from the Cemetery Board, but he would like to see some formal documentation. Ms. Montenegro will contact the board to obtain the documentation or minutes from a meeting. Mr. Espich has been told that the basket prices remain same.

It's been stated that the money is raised, but Commissioner Hathaway has no evidence of that nor does it show at the Community Foundation. The men that were doing the fundraising indicated to the Mayor that the fundraising was completed.

### **3. Security Cameras at Bentley Park**

Chairman Espich spoke with Chief Lenkart about the security cameras at Bentley Park. Installing fake cameras is a liability. If we install real cameras, all the parks in the county will soon want them and the law enforcement will be babysitting parks. Signage may be a better way.

Mr. William Pattengill from the audience is a city resident. He said that kids are playing around the park looking for cameras.

### **4. Green up / Clean-up of Parks**

Ms. Montenegro asked if the board was involved in the spring clean-up. Commissioner Selbig noted that as a board they haven't been in the past. Commissioner Alderman said that last spring there was service day and there were other community groups involved that did work around the city and parks. Ms. Montenegro may contact the schools to see if any of the students would be interested in doing community service.

### **Public / Board Comments:**

Mr. Pattengill owns "Old Man's Tree Service" and offered to pick up and cut up some of the brush lying around the city and dispose of it at the city drop off at Aiken Road.

Ms. Montenegro thanked the commission for organizing the plunge and for their dedication to the project.

### **Adjournment:**

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Selbig and was supported by Commissioner Hathaway. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.**

**Ayes: all. Motion carried.**

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Susan Montenegro, Secretary