

Minutes
Special Meeting of the Park & Recreation Commission
Council Chambers, City Hall
January 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson Ladd.

Roll call was taken by Recording Secretary, Marty Stinson.

Members Present: Commissioners Terri Brown, Sherri Chavora, Chairperson Marsha Ladd, Commissioner Carolyn Lawrence.

Members Absent: Commissioner Jerry Hebekeuser – arrived 6:20 p.m.

Others Present: Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development Adam Zettel; Burton Fox, Chairman of the Owosso Planning Commission.

Approve Agenda for January 10, 2010:

A motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Commissioner Brown, and supported by Commissioner Lawrence.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Approve Minutes from December 20, 2010 meeting:

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Chavora, and supported by Commissioner Brown.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Citizen / Commissioner Comments:

Chairperson Ladd asked if there were any questions from the Council. Adam Zettel, Assistant City Manager and Director of Community Development, commented that Councilmember Popovitch stated that the playscape planning was going on for two years. Mr. Zettel explained that the biggest reason for the delay was the turnover in personnel. Former city manager, Mr. Joe Fivas wanted it built by an independent company, but now we're ready to move on. Chairman Ladd will contact Councilmember Popovitch now that we're ready to move along.

Communications:

1. Staff memorandum
2. December 20, 2010 minutes
3. 2010 Report & 2011 Action Plan

Business:

1) Playscape Discussion:

Commissioner Chavora had distributed a list of fundraising ideas to commission members. One item was a wine tasting party. Commissioner Brown stated there are expenses, and results depend on advertising and promotion. We would need to use someone who has done it before.

A spaghetti dinner was discussed. Chairperson Ladd suggested sponsoring pieces of equipment, slabs, slats, handprints. This may be easier for the committee to work out.

Commissioner Chavora mentioned the fishing contest from two years ago. It needs to be committee lead. Commissioner Lawrence observed the last contest.

Commissioner Brown asked when the money needs to be raised. She suggested that things need to be planned out.

Mr. Zettel stated that we need to prioritize the design and project goal – maybe by the end of February.

6:20 p.m. – Commissioner Hebekeuser arrived.

Discussion followed that the regular meeting in two weeks should be the preparation to send the request to the playscape designer. The Commission could plan for three phases and let the experts make their experienced suggestions. If we raise \$15 – 20,000, we can look at something around \$30,000 for the first phase.

Chairperson Ladd favored doing the spaghetti dinner. Commissioner Chavora suggested an information booth at Curwood Festival. Burton Fox suggested that the Curwood Festival brings in thousands of people and there may be money available there.

Commissioner Chavora suggested rounding up to the next dollar on water bills, or donating a dollar a month on the water bills. Commissioner Brown mentioned the VG's Community receipts. Commissioner Chavora mentioned she found three small grants from the Shiawassee Community Foundation. Commissioner Brown will contact Carol Soule about those grants. Commissioner Hebekeuser will contact the VFW about using their building for a spaghetti dinner, possibly in April.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Brown and was supported by Commissioner Hebekeuser. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Ayes: all, motion carried

Ms. Marty Stinson
Recording Secretary