

1 MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAKE MARY PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD held
2 June 1st, 2009, 5:59 P.M., Lake Mary City Commission Chambers, 100 North Country Club
3 Road.

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5 I. Call to Order

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7 Richard Schulz called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

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9 II. Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum (not less than 4)

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11 Members Present

12 Richard Schulz, Chairman

13 Francie Wynalda, Vice Chairman - absent

14 James Buck

15 Darrell Jarvis

16 Danny Williamson - absent

17 Robert Sebald

18 Lynette Swinski

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20 Also in attendance were Bill Carrico, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kathy Gehr, Assistant
21 Director of Parks & Recreation; Gunnar Smith, Recreation Supervisor; and Amber Lyons, Staff
22 Assistant.

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24 III. Approval of Minutes – February 2nd, 2009

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26 **Motion was made by Darrell Jarvis and seconded by Robert Sebald to approve the**
27 **minutes of February 2nd, 2009, as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

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29 Approval of Minutes – April 6th, 2009

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31 **Motion was made by Darrell Jarvis and seconded by Robert Sebald to approve the**
32 **minutes of April 6th, 2009, as written. Motion carried unanimously.**

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34 IV. Citizen Participation

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36 No one came forward at this time.

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38 V. Chairman's Report

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40 No report was given.

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42 VI. Director's Update

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44 A. Revenues

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46 Events Center

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48 • Bill Carrico reviewed the projected revenue for the Lake Mary Events Center which
49 was \$250,000.

- The Events Center has almost reached that goal within the first 8 months of the fiscal year. If things continue as they have we will reach \$350,000.
- Mr. Carrico also reviewed the FY09 budgets and it looks like the cost of running the Events Center monthly is approximately \$24,000. The property insurance is about \$50,000 per year. The Events Center is still trying to get the electric bill in sync.
- There has been a great demand for the Events Center.

Skate Park

- The Skate Park cost approximately \$1760/month to staff with the present hours of operation.
- It cost \$21,140/year not including electric or lights. At this point the Skate Park is at \$9632.60 with four months to go.
- The Skate Park is not going to meet last year's income. Some reasons for this could be that other skate parks are opening up and they are free of charge. Also, attendance has lowered due to weather.
- Bill Carrico went to the skate shop across the street from the museum to see if they want to put on events. The city will co-sponsor these events which will hopefully get interest up for the Skate Park.

Splash Park

- The Splash Park has generated more revenue than anticipated. Revenues have reached over \$5,000 for the current month and those revenues are expected to continue.
- Splash Park attendance is consistent and flows throughout the day with some days having up to 300 people in attendance. That number does not include the children who are using just the playground area in the park.
- Other parks in the area are opening such as Tavares and Sanford. Sanford offers a free day on Fridays to encourage people to use the park. Once these other parks open it could cause a drop in attendance here.
- We are looking for more accommodating playground equipment for children ages 2-5 and also looking into adding more shaded areas around the park.
- Richard Schulz gave an example of Seminole High School Aquatic Center that uses shade structures with steel posts and umbrellas which look simple to put up. There is not a lot of structure but provides a lot of shade coverage.
- Trailblazers are also working with Parks & Recreation on paying for some of the tot lot equipment.

Farmer's Market

- Allowing dogs at the Farmer's Market on a trial basis was brought to the Advisory Board several months ago. During this period that they were allowed, there were several complaints to the City Manager.
- The City of Lake Mary is back to fully enforcing the City Ordinance No. 1260.
- The Recreation Assistants and the Market Manager were told to tactfully enforce the rules. Some vendors did get upset.
- There was also some talk about having a certain area in the park that would allow dogs. It was mentioned to have or to hire a dog walker. At this point, we have not gone anywhere with that.

1 Sports Complex

- 2 • Kathy Gehr talked about the Sports Complex fields. The Parks Department is
3 renovating fields 1 & 2 which are heavily used. This is the first time it has been done
4 since the complex has been built.
- 5 • They will be removing sod on the infields, laser level them, bring in new clay, re-grading
6 and re-sodding the fields. A company will be hired to do both fields. We will then have
7 to redo our irrigation at the cities cost. Any conditioning material that needs to be
8 applied will need to be done by us.
- 9 • The field renovations will cost \$8,779. This is for the laser leveling of clay and the new
10 Bermuda grass. The cost does not including conditioning, irrigation or fertilizer. The
11 Parks Department will be asking Little League for money to purchase grass and clay.
- 12 • The fields will be down 4-6 weeks.
- 13 • The Parks Department will be preparing to do work on July 6th before Little League ball
14 season starts.
- 15 • Work will also be done on the Dugout roofs.
- 16 • Looks like ball field games are down because the teams were cut back and there have
17 been numerous rainouts.

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19 Progress Energy on Rinehart Road

- 20 • Darrell Jarvis asked Mr. Carrico if there were any updates on Progress Energy with
21 replanting trees. The answer was no, and it is in negotiations between the Mayor, the
22 City Manager and Progress Energy.

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24 Proposed rate changes for the Events Center

25 After a year of the Events Center being open we are finding trends on how people want to rent
26 the facility. Gunnar Smith provided a detailed handout showing all the current rates for the
27 Events Center. The proposed policy changes and rate changes were discussed. The Current
28 rate system didn't maximize the money we could be making on certain events and were not
29 accommodating for some of the groups during the day because the rates were a little high. So
30 what we have decided to do is to look at all our rate structures. In one case we are actually
31 lowering the rates, but most of it is an increase because we feel like we can get that money.
32 We want more businesses in there from 8-5 pm.

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34 **Motion to take the proposed rate changes for the Events Center to Commission was**
35 **made by Darrell Jarvis and seconded by Lynette Swinski. Motion carried unanimously.**

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37 B. Security Cameras

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39 Bill Carrico stated that we are working on the details of getting security cameras. We met with
40 the police today on site at the Sports Complex and there will be an update at the next meeting.

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42 VII. Old Business

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44 There was no old business at this time.

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46 VIII. New Business

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48 New business has already been covered.

1 IX. Member Reports and Announcements

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3 Kathy Gehr invited everyone to the 2nd annual Red Rock & Blue July 3rd from 6-9 p.m. held at
4 Central Park at Lake Mary City Hall.

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6 X. Adjournment

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8 **Motion to adjourn was made by Lynette Swinski and seconded by Darrell Jarvis. Motion**
9 **was carried unanimously.**

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11 There being no further business, Chairman Richard Schultz adjourned the meeting at 6:42
12 p.m.

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16 Richard Schulz, Chairman

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16 Amber Lyons, Staff Assistant