

**FREMONT AREA
PARK & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, December 13, 2006
Fremont Municipal Building**

The meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair Rhondi Davis.

Park & Recreation Members Present: Rhondi Davis, Todd Blake, Brian Hettinger, Jeannie Caris, Roger Tuuk, Bryan Kolk, Linda Blais, Marian Oosterhouse & David Byrne

Public Present: Joe Vandermeulen and Chris Yonker

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bryan Kolk, seconded by Roger Tuuk to approve the meeting agenda; motion approved.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Brian Hettinger, seconded by Roger Tuuk to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2006 meeting; motion approved.

Discussion on 5-Year Recreation Plan Update

Mr. Joe Vandermeulen, of Land Information Access Association (LIAA), briefly explained some of the benefits to our governmental partnerships on recreation and the importance of keeping our community recreation plan up to date.

Todd reported he updated some of the introductory information in the expired plan and noted he would forward an updated inventory section of the Plan by early January, to reflect all of the completed projects over the last six years. Committee members should review this and be prepared to go over it in detail at the January 10th meeting.

Joe noted each participating jurisdiction should hold a public hearing for purpose of receiving public input and comments regarding the updating of the Plan's 5-Yr Capital Improvement Schedule. He also noted it was a state requirement.

Todd suggested each jurisdiction hold a public hearing during their regular monthly meeting in February. Todd also noted a schedule of upcoming meetings of the Committee will be posted in the paper, inviting the public to attend and take part in the Committee' Recreation Plan update process.

The Plan should be adopted by each participating jurisdiction by the end of March, to qualify for State grant requests due in April 2007.

Recreation Authority's and their Benefits

Joe Vandermeulen gave a presentation on Recreation Authorities and summarized the various State Acts that an authority could be formed under. Joe discussed various forms of operation that could be followed by an Authority and reminded the Committee that forming another "governmental entity" should not be taken lightly. Following discussion, there was Committee consensus to include formation of an authority as an action plan item within the updated 5-yr Recreation Plan.

Joe recommended the Committee contract for a phone survey to be conducted in early January to gain public input during the Plan's update process. The participating jurisdictions will have to agree to joint funding for the cost of a survey first as well as the services needed in updating and printing the Recreation Plan.

Old & New Business

Jeannie Caris reported receiving notice that WalMart recently turned down a grant request for additional Path construction.

Next Committee Meeting

The next meetings were scheduled for January 10th & 24th and February 7th & 21st to accommodate the additional time that will be needed for the 5-yr Plan renewal process.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM; motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd M. Blake
City Clerk/Finance Director