

Park Board Minutes of January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The meeting was called to order with the following Park Commissioners present: Chair Nelson, Riebe, Kramer, MacEachern, Gilberts, Hoffland

Motion by Hoffland, second by Gilberts to approve open certification requirements. Motioned carried.

Motion by Riebe, second by Kramer to approve December minutes. Motion carried

Motion by Hoffland, second by Kramer to approve Scotty Schecklers request to hold Country on the River event on St. Feriole Island from August 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 with all city requests, fees, permits, license, etc. to be handled administratively prior to event. Motion carried. (This item will go to Common Council on February 1<sup>st</sup>)

Motion by MacEachern, second by Gilberts to approve Big River Long Rifles request to hold Prairie Villa Rendezvous event on June 16-19,2011 with all city requests, fees, permits, license, etc. to be handled administratively prior to event. Motion carried. (This item will go to Common Council on February 1<sup>st</sup>)

Tom Nelson recapped the highly successful CarpFest event and was especially appreciative of efforts with Parks and Recreation dept., Scream Extreme, and many new sponsors' contributions. The Chamber and Tourism Council were also helpful in plugging this event. Over 2000 people participated in this fun event and by going to droppingofthecarp website hundreds of picture will be seen compliments of Randy Paske.

The Director updated the Board about the Hoffman Hall campaigns progress including: meeting of the major gifts team and determination of who we will be asking for major gifts and determining those individuals , finalized case for support to printer,3M foundation discussion, fund development software installed at city hall(no cost),and finalized pledge card. Pam Ritchie and /or Leslie Kline and Lucas representatives will be sharing information at February's council meeting.

The Director updated Board on Urban Forestry Grant as Mike Ulrich and Terry Meyer will be attending State DNR/Arborist Conference on Jan 30/31 and meet committee will meet with DNR liaison February 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss specifics of grant.

Ivan Hoffland updated board on tenant/volunteer issues. He also said the park is getting used even more this winter as skiing, sledding, and snowshoers are enjoying the snow. Kramer suggested having a monthly trail "conditioned" for skiers/sledders as many folks are hiking directly on the ski trails despite clear signage. In addition 23 loads of gravel are being put down for trail improvements at no cost to the city.

Riebe motion to adjourn, Gilberts second. Motion carried.