

## Park Board Minutes of Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The meeting was called to order with the following Commissioners present:

Nelson(Chair), Reibe, Gilberts, Hoffland, Kramer, McEachern (arrived at 5pm).

Also present was Tom Shenko, Karla Witzig, Butch and Norma Smith representing Big Rivers Long Rifles.

Motion by Gilberts, second by Hoffland to approve open meeting requirements.

Motion carried

Motion by Hoffland, second by Kramer to approve September 21, 2011 minutes.

Motion carried

Karlig Witzig spoke on behalf of the Big River Long Rifles asking for a waiver of fees for 1-2 years for Rendezvous. She stated they want to keep Rendezvous in the city however there numbers are down and want the opportunity to get there financial picture in better shape and have proposed ways to cut some expenses and generate more revenue. (See attached). Discussion ensued regarding current fees charged, partnering opportunities with Jaycees or other groups, and having an educational component to offer to the School district youth. Motion by Riebe, second by Hoffland to Co-sponsor the event with the City Park and Recreation Department for a 2 year trail basis and to waive Island Usage and Shelter fees (\$2000/year) contingent on council approval. Motion carried unanimously.

The Director updated the board on Hoffman Halls Donor Recognition Party on November 6<sup>th</sup>, fundraising efforts to date, and building updates.

Tom Nelson spoke on behalf on the St. Feriole Island Historical Tree program and Oktoberfest. It was well attended and numerous positive comments on how well it was run and a great event for the city!

Ivan Hoffland spoke on behalf of the LaRiviere Park and stated the campground continues to be busy, He also stated the Archery Club will be disbanding. The Director also shared information on Forestry program.

Motion by Riebe, second by Hoffland to adjourn. Motion carried.