

Park Board Minutes of Wednesday, September 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order with the following Commissioners present: Nelson(Chair),McCoy, Sagedahl, Leys, Kramer, MacEachern. Also present representing Oktoberfest was Tony Rangel.

Motion by McCoy, second by Leys to approve open meeting requirements. Motion carried 6-0

Motion by Sagedahl, second by Kramer to approve the July 24, 2013 minutes.

Motion by Kramer, second by Sagedahl to approve Oktoberfest as a co-sponsored event with the city and requested a 3 year commitment and to go to council for approval. Tony Rangel spoke on behalf of this growing popular family event and highlighted the many activities scheduled for October 19th at St. Feriole Island Gardens with all proceeds going back to the gardens for improvements. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by MacEachern second by Kramer to follow the Public Works Board recommendations to reject the request from Alderman Leys to install Ladders at St. Feriole Island river wall, and direct staff to review other safety options and report back at a later date. Motion carried 5-1 with Leys voting No.

The Director updated the Board on the following items with no action:

Fall/Winter Activity Guide/Programs;6000 copies were provided by sponsorship from Peoples State Bank and features many new as well as established programs that are beneficial to the community with online registration or Activity Registration day occurring October 14th at Hoffman Hall.

Park Improvement upgrades happening in the near future include: Lawler Park Playground units, Washington St Park, Campion Boat Landing, Leamy Shelter at the Sculpture Park, and the Skateboard Park.

Forestry program upgrades include Tom Nelson's Trail of Presidents north of the Sculpture Park (see attachment) and a DNR grant submitted by City Planner Frable for an Outdoor Forestry classroom that would include an addition of 50 large caliper trees being planted in an Outdoor Classroom setting in collaboration with PdC School District and the local Scout group.

Chairperson Nelson requested commissioners speak on the positive Park & Recreation "things" seen by board members with the following topics brought up: The Jaycees hosting German dignitaries in the Gardens with a meal, a very memorable PdC Hospital memorial service in the Gardens,72 energetic youth football participants having fun at Lochner Park, Friends in town from Germany were impressed with the Sculpture Park ,the on-going improvements seen throughout the parks and being excited to be part of this, and attended a wedding at St. Feriole Gardens that was wonderful for everyone involved. Chairperson Nelson has requested future meetings end on this positive note from the commissioners present and the Director thanked the Board for providing a beneficial and supportive role on behalf of the city.

Motion by McCoy , second by Leys to Adjourn. Motion carried 6-0

