

Harris County Recreation Board Meeting – October 24, 2018

Attendees: Steve Waskey-Recreation Director, Ashley Marston-Assistant Recreation Director, Rob Grant-President, Jairo Gay-Vice President, Pine Mountain, Sondra Moss-At-Large, Steve Felt-Hamilton, Lee Starling-Waverly Hall Rep., Becky Langston-Board of Commissioner Rep., Garnett Ray-Board of Education Rep.

Not Present: Thomas Vowell-At-Large(Personal), Jeff Allen- Cataula Rep.(Personal), Brad Johnson-Mountain Hill Rep.,(No reason given)

Meeting was called to order at 7:10pm. The first order of business was the approval of the Agenda. Steve Felt made a motion to approve the agenda and it was 2nd by Sondra Moss. Board moved to approve. The only change that was amended to the meeting minutes was to include the approximate ending time of the last meeting which was 9:15pm.

Chairperson's report. Coach Grant made remarks in regards to the JV tournament. The tournament went well. Several people made comments in regards to the Community Center. The comments were favorable in regards to the physical facility. Teams are already planning to return next year for the tournament. The only concern raised by Lee was the parking. There was a lot of congestion and Steve Felt mentioned Steve Duke intervened to try and help the parking situation, not to mention there was an issue with a child that suffered a neck strain and the ambulance had a hard time maneuvering around. The issue of parking will be addressed next year.

Treasurer's report. Ashley presented the report with emphasis on outstanding invoices. She will reach out to communities again. Lee motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and it was 2nd by Sondra Moss. Treasurer report was approved.

Recreation Director's report. Steve has met with the county attorney. Youth association is not subject to open records. Youth agreements have been sent out a request for financials and minute statements. Steve mentioned that there was an issue with soccer. A parent was ejected from a game because of calls being made. The issue escalated to shirts with the Harris County logo being made. Steve W. found out the logo was indeed trademarked which meant the shirts couldn't be worn. The shirts were banned. Steve stressed the importance of not using the HC logo without authorized permission. There was also an issue where a football coach was ejected and served a one game suspension. Steve is in the process of trying to negotiate a deal with Coke. He is requesting feedback from the youth associations in regards to whether they would like to move forward with Coke. Rec. Director also presented a photo of what the Ellerslie Park playground will look like. He also passed out a flyer that will be the press release for the Ellerslie Park Opening Ceremony. Steve is also talking with Bass Pro Shop and Academy Sports in hopes of trying to get fishing equipment donated for the opening ceremony at Ellerslie Park. Steve also mentioned the opportunity to do nationwide background searches. Becky had concerns about the

cost and who would be responsible for paying the costs. On December 8, 2018 the community center will host a breakfast with Santa event.

Old Business. There was no report on the John Magazu scholarship fund. It was also discussed that there will be By-Law changes. It was motioned by Steve Felt that going forward, all youth associations will be required to submit their monthly meeting minutes and a treasurer's report to the Recreation Department and bi-annually the rec. board will request a bank statement and detailed transaction report. Steve Felt made the motion and Lee 2nd. It was approved by the board. It was brought to the board's attention that Mountain Hill had some issues with providing the requested documentation to the board.

It was also discussed and clarified that all volunteers working in youth associations in Harris County are required to have a background check. This includes those serving on sports boards. The background checks have to be done annually.

The last order of business discussed was the vacancies that are upcoming on the Recreation Board by the end of 2018 and the Cheer Showcase which will be held at the Community Center on November 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Minutes by Jairo Gay