

**CITY OF CONNELL  
PARK BOARD MEETING  
August 30, 2016  
Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Present: Chair Jaeniffer Kaiser, Board Members Helen Tobin, Manny Choi, Carol Lindner, Lilly Johnson

Staff: Mayor Blackwell, City Administrator Maria Peña, Clerk-Treasurer Rose Courneya, Secretary Jeri Reinauer, Jason Janosky

Citizens: Katherine Bingham-Trowbridge

**Approval of Minutes:**

*Motion: Chair Jaeniffer Kaiser moved to approve the June 27<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Motion seconded by Board Member Manny Choi. Motion passed unanimously.*

**Activities Report**

Park and Rec. Director Manny Choi reported that the program this year was less than stellar. He had a hard time trying to recruit others to help. He needed more resources. There were only two suggestions for classes, a mobile rec. vehicle and a cooking class; however, there were no teachers for either.

However, they had successful turnout for the Reptile Man, they had a mosaic art project, and the 10 week Read-Up was well attended by 70 kids with 131 books given out.

There was no interest in Flag Football.

There were several people that Manny had been in touch with to do specific classes, but he had issues with people returning his calls.

There was discussion regarding the ordering of tee shirts for the Harvest Trot. It was decided to order them after the event. It was suggested that Manny get a hold of Beven Davis at Flying Colors for a price quote.

Helen Tobin suggested that Manny talk to the Police Department and ask for help with the Trot. Manny said he submitted the Harvest Trot information to 3 Rivers.

The timer needs a power supply. (It is missing). CA Maria said they will look up the information and order another power source.

The entry fee will be \$15.00 until 9/6/16 and \$20.00 after that.

There was discussion as to how to run the Harvest Trot i.e. route, water stops etc. The Harvest Trot for the Fall Festival has 5 people signed up so far.

Helen Tobin said she felt like Manny should have explored more avenues. CA Maria Pena said she was happy with the amount of time Manny spent because with the pool being open, the City technically should not have had a Park and Rec. Director and Manny wages were only 10 % of his original budget.

### **Pool Update**

CA Maria went over the Pool Spread Sheet with the Board. The days shown as closed were due to no available lifeguards. There were no lessons, rentals or lifeguard classes. There were twenty days the pool was actually opened and total attendance was 1,145. The pool made over \$3,000 in revenue.

There were no complaints about the lack of heat except for the last couple of days when the nights got colder.

Jason helped out with guarding. There will only be 2 guards that will be back next year so there will need to be lifeguard training next year.

### **Future Pool Operations**

CA Maria presented the Proposed Pool Budget and Schedule for 2017.

There was discussion regarding how to run pool next year. CA Maria said that there needs to be a Pool Manager. It did not run as smoothly this summer without one.

It was suggested to split up the pool hours, having two short sessions not doing a long session. CA Maria said that from a scheduling standpoint, a long session is easier to schedule guards for. Jason suggested a one hour break. He also said that it would save money if the Pool Manager guarded the blue slide.

There was discussion regarding surplus of the large floaty that Amy bought the prior year.

There will be no swim team in 2017.

There will need to have paid cashiers, a pool manager and four guards.

In regards to the budget, there were questions maintenance and repairs and other line items that will need to be addressed by Larry Turner.

Staff is trying to keep the budget around \$54, 452.10, but will not know the final numbers until the numbers come in from Public Works.

There was discussion on how to handle the broken, missing tiles.

The pool manager will be there the whole time the pool is open. It was suggested to bring one guard in a half an hour late – stagger breaks and save money.

Helen asked if the pool was operational; would there be a Park and Rec. person? Maria said that the General Fund would need to be looked at, probably not.

- Two sessions with a half an hour break will be considered for next year.
- There will be no family passes.

*The Board recommended that the price of admission be \$3.00 per session with two sessions.*

There will be no lessons as there are no WSI certified lifeguards. However, that could require the heat being turned on.

Some suggestions were: Allow privatized swim lessons at the pool.

Put solar panels back out.

Jason said that the pool will need 3 or 4 new umbrellas for next year.

### **Capital Improvements**

CA Maria provided the Board with a Park & Rec. Capital Budget for 2017.

There was nothing in the budget for 2016 for Capital Improvements for Park & Rec. However, Clark Street Park got new sinks, new roof and doors. Heritage Park had some upgrades. Pioneer needs to have electricity, roof and sinks for 2017. Striker needs roof and sink and possibly electricity. These projects can come out of the Park and Rec. Reserve Fund.

Ask Ed about current upgrades and need upgrades.

Ed asked about getting Jr. Soccer goals. Jason said that most people bring their own. Staff said they could look more into it.

CA Maria – looking at the prior Comp Plan:

All the parks have all their playground equipment.

Restrooms were on the list.

Painting the Community Center?

Board says the pool house needs painting – the floor needs painting. Lily says there is still floor paint around.

The pool house roof leaks. Ceiling damaged.

Is there money in the budget for landscaping around the Community Center as there is a lot that has been removed? It was explained that there appears to be a leak in the irrigation system so, to save money the plants are being torn out.

Tables at the Community Tables need to be replaced. Around 10 needed.  
It was suggested putting in xeriscape landscape.

Lilly said that there are two tennis nets at the Public Works shop.

Carol Lindner asked how to get more trees in the Heritage Park. Does she go through the Park and Rec. Board, the City or the Tree Board? Rose said she would look into that.

### **Board Discussion**

*Helen Tobin made a motion to elect Manny Choi as the Chair for the Park and Rec. Board. Jaeniffer Kaiser seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

It was decided not to have a Vice Chair as no one was interested in the position.

### **Other**

CA Maria said that she will be doing a Budget 101 class at the September 12<sup>th</sup>, Town Hall meeting.

Next meeting will be April 25, 2017.