

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
November 1, 2023

Call to Order

Doris called meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Edward Lock	<i>present</i>	Karen Fitzgerald	<i>present</i>
Robyn Taylor	<i>present</i>	Molly Slaid	<i>present</i>
Heather Tuggle	<i>present</i>	Michelle Mitcham	
Lynda Schubring	<i>present</i>		
Ashley Brown	<i>present</i>	Isaac Recinos	<i>present</i>
Doris Michalak	<i>present</i>	Sebastian Marquis	<i>present</i>
Rachel Beazley	<i>present</i>	Robert Basford	<i>present</i>
Thomas Huebner	<i>present</i>	Maria Thorne	<i>present</i>

Approval of Minutes from 10-4-23

A motion was made to approve the minutes by Robyn and was seconded by Ashley.

Citizens Comments

Citizen Kimberly Henao commented that she really enjoyed the Fall Frolic event.

Items for individual consideration

a. Fall Frolic close out

Attendance was about 2500. Members commented that the layout of the trunks was too crowded. The date and location for next year were talked about. Early voting will always be an issue at the Civic Center. The old golf course building was suggested for the event, but the ceilings are only 8 feet high and are not tall enough for the haunted house. The Fall Frolic topic will be put on the agenda in July.

We sold 541 tickets for the haunted house. The wait could have been shorter if they had sent groups in closer together. Some of the younger kids got too scared. We may change the schedule and have the first hour with no scarers at all. Isaac asked about changing the price to \$5, but committee members liked the \$3.

The food trucks and the DJ were great. Committee members liked the band Squeegie. Parking was OK. Comments were made that there was not enough seating and more tables and benches are needed. Doris added that we needed someone to monitor the restrooms. May need some restroom trailers.

Isaac asked committee members if we wanted to have the haunted house again next year and the answer was yes. We had 34 trunks this year and all agreed that more are needed for next time.

b. Triathlon update - May 5th

Rachel gave an update on the triathlon. Registration will start in December. They have started advertising. The group will meet with Runtime Houston. The sub-committee will meet again in December. They have set up a signup genius page for volunteers. The JV Swim Team, the Bike Store, and Mr. Donut, are among those that were mentioned that would be sponsoring and providing support.

Flyers will be sent to the schools, there are packets for sponsors, and there will be a section for booths. Shirts will be donated.

c. Lazy Day 1.5k - Nov 4th

We have 40 registered so far. Last year there were 40 registered and then had an additional 60 that came on the day of. Isaac plans to have three of the lifeguards assisting with registration and whatever is needed. Registration will begin at 9:45. The truck will be loaded with the supplies and there will be golf carts to take the supplies to the stations.

Volunteers mentioned:

- water slide - the Beasleys
- water balloon station - Robyn
- donuts - Ashley or Doris
- games station - Tommy
- popsicle station - Lynda and Heather
- registration - Doris, Lynda, and Molly

d. Holiday in the Village - Dec 2nd

Isaac said that most things are ready to go for the event. We have 18 floats registered for the parade, not including police and fire. He has a meeting scheduled for the Acton Market. We are at full capacity for vendors. He has the food trucks lined up, Santa, the Snow, etc. He also has the Key Club and National Honor Society signed up to help.

The parade judging will take place before the parade. We will use the A-frame signs to organize the parade entries. Ashley, Heather and Edward are judges for the parade floats and will report at 6:30. Isaac may get a guitar player to play some music inside during the event.

Isaac stated that he will need help from 2 people to check the vendors in and that he will also need volunteers to help with decorating.

e. Carol Fox playground discussion

Robert stated that the community built playground is reaching the end of its life. The concrete sections that have the hand prints on them are too thin. The group talked about ways to save or preserve the concrete sections.

In designing its replacement we want to bring the community together and make the park inclusive for all abilities. Robert mentioned the idea of turning the play structure into a kraken so that it does not require the removal of trees, and it will go with the ship. He will talk to a manufacturer about building a custom playground and/or can also consult with a landscape architect to come up with a design.

We would like to get stakeholder input. We can see about having part of it funded by the community. Maybe we can put name plaques on parts of the structure to acknowledge those who contributed. We may do a town hall. We will form a subcommittee that can include citizens. We will need to get the committee's help getting input from the community. Robert will provide quarterly reports.

f. Amelia resident store discussion

Staff presented the idea of making an on-line store for residents to purchase JV t-shirts and minor merchandise like towels, goggles, concessions, and snacks. The committee members liked the idea and suggested adding hats.

Parks and Recreation Directors Report

No comments questions

Future agenda item request

Holiday in the Village closeout meeting

Next Meeting Date

December 6th, 2023

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Thomas and was seconded by Heather.