

MEETING MINUTES
PARKS, RECREATION, AND ARTS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2012

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at the Cultural Arts Centre, One St. Peters Centre Blvd., at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: Amanda Darnell, Ryan Easley, Dan Frank, Don Moxley, David Ottinger, Martha Smiley, Val Weston

Members Absent: Brian Meisenheimer, John Scherr

Ex Officios: Alderman Dave Thomas, Jeff Hutsler, Mary Kuppler

Guests: Cindy Dubois, Sandra Thomas

Approval of Minutes

November minutes were approved as read.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Pagano was unable to attend.

Alderman Comments

Alderman Thomas was impressed by the quick response of the staff at the Rec-Plex during the problem with the temporary stairs. He was also glad to see work continuing to be done at 370 Lakeside Park.

Guest Comments

Cindy Dubois, Arts Leader, attended the meeting to keep the board updated on progress and programs at the Cultural Arts Centre:

- The Cultural Arts Centre has received a \$20,000 grant from the Missouri Arts Council again this year
- A \$2,000 grant was procured by Cindy for the idea of "Art Re-Interpreted", the art work of thirty young artists will be "re-interpreted" by adult artists. The show will be held April 7, 2012 from 1 - 3 pm at the Cultural Arts Centre.
- Adults with disabilities are volunteering at the Arts Center by measuring ribbon which is then packaged and sold to the public.
- Rentals are doing well.
- Cindy could use volunteers to help set up the Centre for art shows.

Sandra Thomas had concerns about the incident involving the temporary stairs used at the Swim Meet on Saturday, January 14, 2012. Miss Thomas also had a question about the absence of the "café" at Lakeside 370 Park.

Manager's Report

Parks

"Santa at the Log Cabin" event went very well. With nice weather, we had one of the largest crowds ever.

Lakeside 370

Staff has completed the widening of the canal into Pump Station Two. By widening the canal, we will have better control on managing the water level in the lake.

Staff has taken advantage of the lower lake level to build up the hummocks in the west end of the lake providing an attractive area for kayak and paddle boats.

A key section of the trail by the RV pads was constructed to complete the trail around the lake without having to ride through the RV sites.

Covenant Park

The play structure is completed. Staff will be working on setting the new swing near this structure this spring.

Woodlands Sports Park

Staff continues to work on the east pond by digging it deeper and wider to allow for better drainage. When finished we will have an accessible fishing pier at the lake. The fishing dock in the west pond will be moved to Laurel Pond and will be ADA accessible.

Rec-Plex

This past weekend the Sharks swim team Winter Warm Up Swim Meet along with the ISI Winter Blast Skating Competition was held.

Lindenwood University will hold a swim meet on January 21 and a synchronized swimming meet on January 27-28 along with a water polo tournament on February 4. Girl's State Swimming and Diving Championships will be held in February for the 14th consecutive year.

On January 21, we will hold another Fitness Fest from 9am to 3pm, hoping to build on our recent increase in memberships which are at 3318.

Rec-Plex South is in full swing with a full schedule of hockey rentals along with volleyball and basketball in the gymnasiums.

Chairman's Comments

Chairman Ottinger suggested that an article about the volunteer opportunities for disabled adults at the Cultural Arts Centre be highlighted in the *Upfront* and *My Home Town* magazines.

New Business

After discussion on tree selection for the Arbor Day Tree giveaway, the board agreed with Chairman Ottinger's suggestion that we only order extra large saplings.

Vice Chairman Easley made a motion that we order Tulip Poplar, Pin Oak and Red Bud saplings this year. The board agreed unanimously. The order will be placed for 200 each of those choices in extra large saplings.

Miscellaneous

"That Old Thing" date has not been set due to scheduling problems with the appraisers.

Next Meeting Date

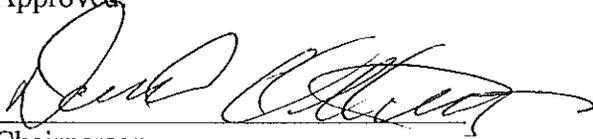
The next meeting will be at 7:00 pm, March 20, 2012 at the Cultural Arts Centre.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by:
Martha Smiley
Secretary to the Parks, Recreation,
And Arts Advisory Board

Approved:



Chairperson
Parks, Recreation, and Arts Advisory Board

Member Name	Additional Hours Since Last Meeting	Total Hours to Date
Amanda Darnell	2	330
Ryan Easley	4	100
Dan Frank	2	116
Brian Meisenheimer	-	141
Don Moxley	10	12
David Ottinger	6	684
John Scherr	-	39
Martha Smiley	2	125
Val Weston	4	323