

## Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

May 18, 2016

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present were Tom Kuhl, Vann Saltz, Sherry Sullivan, Charlie Langham, Mary Gammer, Cathy Hudson, Bob Keyser, Diana Brewer (arrived at 5:20 p.m.) and Michelle Smith. Absent: Derek Thomas and Mike Ford. Gayle Fogarty took minutes at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Vann Saltz at 5:15 p.m. The minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting minutes were considered and approved on a motion by Bob Keyser, seconded by Cathy Hudson, none opposed.

**Guests:** Jarred & Blake Richardson with Go Kickball attended the meeting to share their interest in forming a Kickball League in Fairhope for Fairhope residents. The league would be open to men and women age 21 to 45, and games would be held on Thursday nights. The group is open to playing on any space the City has available. The board had general discussion and suggested that Jarred & Blake complete the league application, provide proof of insurance and work with Tom on available field time, and then report back to the board at the June 15 meeting.

**Fairhope Soccer Complex Update:** Sherry Sullivan provided an update of the soccer complex, she stated that is going well and fields should be complete by the end of August, although still need concession stand and restrooms to be constructed. The Soccer organization met with the Fairhope Single Tax Corp. (FSTC) to request \$669,000 to assist with the soccer complex, with bleachers, goals, storage area, audio equipment, meeting space, etc. Sherry attended the meeting and informed FSTC of what the City of Fairhope has provided financially and in-kind services for this complex.

**Tennis Update:** Sherry Sullivan informed the group that a Tennis Pro has been hired, his name is Tomas Catar and will begin working for the City of Fairhope on June 1, 2016. She also state that the pre-construction meeting for the six (6) hydro tennis courts will be held at 11 a.m. on May 25. Mary Gammer commented that the Fairhope Tennis Association (FTA) members are very happy about the hydro courts and pleased with the hire of the Tennis Pro, she also stated that the recent FTA tournament was held in honor of past FTA president David Mauritson and \$200 was raised and given to the FHS Tennis Team. Mary also inquired about adding a plaque wall at the Fairhope Tennis Center-names on the wall would include people that have contributed to FTA, the first name would be David Mauritson. Mary will work with Sherry on this project.

**Recreation Update:** Tom Kuhl informed the group that things are wrapping up, several tournaments will take place in June and the drive at founders is complete. Sherry Sullivan added that Joe Comer has been chosen to work on a master plan of Volanta Park, this would include maximizing the use of the entire park and addressing the parking problems, it is expected to be discussed further at the June 9 City Council meeting. Cathy Hudson added that 200 swimmers have signed up for summer swim, this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of afterschool practice and they will begin morning practices once school is out. The City pool is hosting 6-7 home meets on Thursdays, the City Meet will be in Gulf Shores this year, summer swim will finish July 16. Bob Keyser added that 140 teams were in town for Mobile Bay Classic that was held the end of April through the 1<sup>st</sup> of May. Bob reported to the group that they received great feedback on the tournament, he also added that the Battle of Bay will be held May 20, 2016 and is fundraiser for MD Anderson.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.