

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

July 16, 2014

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 5:15 p.m. in the meeting room at the Recreation Center, 803 N Greeno Rd.

Present were Derek Thomas (left meeting at 5:55 p.m.), Charlie Langham, Bob Keyser, Vann Saltz, Diana Brewer, Cathy Hudson and Tom Kuhl. Absent were Mike Ford, Michelle Smith, Sherry Sullivan and Jenny Douglass. Gayle Fogarty took the minutes.

The minutes of the June meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Bob Keyser, seconded by Charlie Langham, none opposed.

Recreation Update – Sherry Sullivan informed the group that the park was nearly complete. She invited the group to attend the re-dedication ceremony on August 16 at 10 a.m. and to the Ozone Dinner on July 18 at 5:30 p.m. and then to the opening ceremony at Volanta at 7:30 p.m. Vann added that only one bid came in for the Manley Soccer Complex and it was for \$5.4 Million. There was general discussion among the board members, as to if the project should be re-bid.

Handicap Accessibility of Stadium – Charlie Langham brought up the topic of making the stadium handicap accessible. There was general discussion among the group and it was agreed that improvements need to be made.

Rotary/Football Concession – Bob Keyser provided an update to the group on the concession stand, stating that the Boosted Club accepted the Fairhope-Point Clear Rotary Club's offer of donating \$40,000 to be used for a new concession stand to be built at the football field. Diana Brewer mentioned that the board may need to check with Dan Ames about the bid laws, since the concession stand is being funded by a donation to the Booster Club, although being constructed on City property.

Review of 5 year plan – Bob Keyser reviewed the 5 year plan with the group. Bob suggested moving the Community Park project up on the 5 year plan, as it is now complete and was one of the Recreation Board's goals. Adding the construction of the new concession stand and also suggested increasing the engineering study of Volanta to \$80,000. The board discussed the suggestions and agreed. Bob stated that he will update the 5 year plan and e-mail out to the board members when completed. It was also mentioned that the Rec Board 5 year plan is on the City Council agenda for June 28, Vann Saltz will present the plan to council. (see 5 year plan from June meeting minutes)

New Business - Cathy Hudson stated that swim is going well and the high school swim will begin in early August. Cathy inquired about the possibility of charging a small fee to attend swim meets. Bob Keyser stated that he would talk to Adam Winegarden about it. He also stated that the Spring Hill College Ultimate Frisbee Club Disc Golf Tournament is coming to Fairhope October 4-5, 2014. He added that the Booster Club pancake breakfast will begin at 7:40 a.m. on August 16. Michelle Smith also commented that an additional pool would be a nice addition to the Rec Center, as the aquatic programs continue to grow. A motion was made to accept the revised 5 year plan, based on the suggested changes of increasing the engineering study total to \$80,000, adding the construction of the concession stand based on the donation from the Rotary Club to the Booster Club and moving the community park up on the 5 year plan, motion made by Diana Brewer and seconded by Charlie Langham, none opposed.

Dates to remember:

Saturday, September 27 – Opening Day for youth soccer

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

