

Minutes of the Fairhope Recreation Board

June 17, 2015

The Fairhope Recreation Board met Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 5:15 p.m. in the Rec Center at 803 North Greeno Road.

Present were Charlie Langham, Bob Keyser, Michelle Smith, Tom Kuhl, Sherry Sullivan, Cathy Hudson, Jenny Douglass, Mike Ford and Gayle Fogarty took minutes. Derek Thomas, Diana Brewer &, Vann Saltz and were absent. Guests: Ashley Bell (Pickleball) and Meg Johnson (ISR)

The meeting was called to order by Bob Keyser at 5:21 p.m. The minutes of the May meeting were considered and approved on a motion by Cathy Hudson, seconded by Jenny Douglass, none opposed.

Old Business: Bob Keyser informed the group that the Manley Road project is on schedule. Sherry Sullivan informed the group that the tennis specs went to Dan Ames.

Guest Attendee: Ashley Bell attended the meeting representing the Fairhope Pickleball League. He informed the group that Pickleball is available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 – 11 a.m. and on Tuesday & Thursday from Noon – 2 p.m., the league is grateful of the Rec staff for allowing them to play pickleball at this location. He requested that the Rec Board consider having 4 outdoor pickleball courts at Stimpson Park-this would involve painting pickleball regulated lines on two of the tennis courts, then both activities could be played on the same court.

Appointment/Reappointment: The Rec Board reviewed all the submitted applications and there was general discussion among the group.

A motion was made to recommend to the City Council the reappointment of Cathy Hudson to the Recreation Board, 1st motion by Charlie Langham and 2nd by Jenny Douglass and unanimously carried. Cathy Hudson abstained from voting.

A motion was made to recommend to the City Council the appointment of Mary Gammer to the Recreation Board, 1st motion by Jenny Douglass and 2nd by Michele Smith and unanimously carried.

Sherry Sullivan asked that Gayle Fogarty inform City of Fairhope City Clerk Lisa Hanks of these recommendations for the next City Council agenda set for July 14, 2015.

Guest Attendee: Meg Johnson attended the meeting and shared information on her business Infant Swim & Rescue; she would like to submit a franchise agreement to the City of Fairhope to use the pool at the Fairhope Rec Center. There was general discussion among the board members; the group agreed this was a program they would like to offer at the City pool to residents. Meg will work with Sherry Sullivan to begin the franchise agreement process with the City of Fairhope.

Updates: **Sherry Sullivan** provided an update to the group on the splash pad, set to pour concrete tomorrow, she stated that it is on schedule and is expected to open the middle of July. She is also checking on the possibility of relocating the pelican fixture from the splash pad to the City pool. **Tom Kuhl** mentioned the upcoming softball tournament, the fields are ready. **Cathy Hudson** informed the group that FAST is in week 5 of the season, they have over 250 swimmers and the City Meet will be at the end of July at the City pool. **Charlie Langham** asked how the summer camp was going, Tom and Sherry commented that it was going well; over 50 children have attended the camp. **Mike Ford** complimented the Rec Board and recreation department on doing a great job. **Bob Keyser** informed the group that the soccer tournament held in May consisted of 140 teams, also stated that the soccer numbers are up for the fall. The club travel level (U14 –U18) has merged Fairhope & Daphne, and is now being called The Gulf Coast Rangers, supported/sponsored by Rangers FC. The affiliation of Eastern Shore United, Blast, and Mobile Bay Football Club is now the Fairhope Soccer Club. It includes the Rec program through the Academy program. This will help reduce the stress for practice fields and more

resources will be available. Bob also mentioned the Frisbee Tournament will be held on October 3 - 4, 2015 at Founders with an estimated 16 teams participating. **Jenny Douglass** stated that this would be her last meeting to attend as a Rec Board member, she appreciates being able to serve on the board for the last 12 years.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.