

SPANISH FORK CITY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, August 1, 2011

Members Present: Susan Barber, Doug Brown, Rod Dart, Doug Ford, Jerry Huffman, Dale Robinson, Doug Snell, Treaci Tagg

Staff Present: None

- I. Review Minutes from meeting held June 6th. The July meeting was canceled.
Motion - Susan
Second - Doug Brown
Motion passed unanimously

- II. Ice Rink at the Fairgrounds
The possibility for having ice skating at the fairgrounds like we did in days gone by is not feasible due to the liability exposure to the city. The fact that the ice would not maintain a consistent surface because it would not have a cooling system would put the city at great risk. Dale mentioned that he has seen some temporary/portable systems that he will look into to see if they would be cost effective or feasible.

- III. Banners across Main Street
Doug Ford discussed the two locations that the city already has set up for banners on main street. One is by Taco Bell and the other is on the south end by the fairgrounds. To do a sign that is built well enough to last it is quite expensive. Doug offered to pay for a sturdy sign that could be used over and over by just adding letters and Creative Signs would make them each time for a cost of course. The electrical department would have to be involved with the bucket truck to put up and take down the signs. The committee liked the idea of using these banners to advertise city events. It would probably be cost prohibitive for most other groups, but the committee felt like it should be used for city events only at this time to see how it goes. The city would manage and schedule the use. Doug Snell made a motion recommending to the council this concept and Jerry seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Doug Ford excused himself from voting due his company's potential involvement. City council will discuss this tomorrow night. Rod will inform the council of our discussion.

- IV. Fiesta Days Review
Dale asked for feedback from the committee on the activities. Generally they all loved it and said it was the best ever. Here are some observations. People didn't know about the pre-parade and many missed the flag leading the way. Fireworks were too late. Excellent rodeo. Video board was awesome. Need visual timer on the timed events for the fans to see. Great street dance. Excellent band that played for all ages. Car show needed to be longer. Concert in the park was great. Use Paul Tuckett for national anthem at rodeo.

V. Nelson Field - Infield Renovation

The city will be tearing up the infield at Nelson Field starting next Monday, August 8th. That field will be under renovation and out of use until next spring. The turf will be taken up and the field laser leveled. The dugouts are being painted as an eagle project.

VI. Canyon View Park

Dale reviewed the plans for adding additional parking along with a two lane road into canyon view park. This work will begin this fall. He also reviewed the trail connection plan through the park and up to dripping rock. The hope is that the portion of the trail in the park will be done this fall as well so we can use it for the festival of lights. That part of the trail will be 12 feet wide to better accommodate cars, vans, buses, etc.

VII. Other Business

Susan asked if the city had money to put story boards up at the pioneer cemetery as was originally planned with the development. Dale said the city would find resources to pay for that if she would have the DUP get the stories compiled.

Tracy inquired about any indoor facilities that would accommodate indoor soccer. We specifically discussed the fairgrounds. The indoor tennis courts are heavily used in the winter with shows renting the building as well as tennis players. The indoor barns could be used but they are dirt and it is quite soft so wouldn't be ideal. There isn't any heat in those buildings either. She said there is a huge need for indoor soccer facilities in the valley. It is growing.

VIII. Next Meeting: Monday, September 12th @ 5:00 p.m. (first Monday is Labor Day)