



Park Advisory Board Meeting Minutes August 21st, 2018

Call to order

The recent Park Advisory Board Meeting was held at the Belle Johnston Community Center on August 21st, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:42pm by Clay Perry and seconded by Barbara Manning.

Attendees

Clay Perry (Chair)
Kristy Detwiler (staff)
Erin Hamilton (staff)
Sue Bankston
Barbara Manning
Bill Phillips
Tad Hardy
Randy Brantley

Approval of minutes

Bill Phillips made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15th, 2018 meeting. Motion approved and seconded by Sue Bankston, ayes by all.

Staff Updates – Kristy Detwiler, Parks and Recreation Director gave an update on the following:

- **Splash Pad:** At the August council meeting, the council passed the signing of the contract by Fairwood. It was passed 2-2 with mayor tie. Melissa Rogers and David Phillips voted no. It was a very lengthy discussion which got a bit heated. They were very concerned about going more over budget after signing the contract. There is \$18,000 in contingency that hopefully we don't have to use. Once they sign contract, it is 150 days for construction. Sue brought up: Two new features a leaf and frog, totaled 20,000\$. Because pad is 80,000 over budget those features will not appear. Hopefully opening next May for summer 2019.
- **New Fall Fest Ideas:** Mayor and council want new fall fest ideas. We have used rides from Brinkley going on 7 years now. Kristy has reached out to other ride companies looking for 3-year bids but they are already booked for festivals they have been doing for years. Brinkley rides are usually freshly painted and clean. The family show is different every year (acrobats, dog show, bike show, trampoline, etc.). We will still have the Children's Art show. We are supposed to form a Fall Fest committee. We are not having the pie baking contest this year. Instead to try something new, we are having a chili cook off. Bill said one complaint he has heard is that there are too many commercial vendors. Maybe we should have fewer commercial vendors. Sue asked how the vendors are organized and Kristy said they are dispersed throughout the vendor area.

- **Rockin' & Reelin':** The season has gone very well. Friday August 17th was biggest concert so far with the exception of the symphony. Attendance was around 800 people. Randy asked response from food vendors. They keep coming back so they must be doing good.
- **Memorial Day Celebration:** Was held on May 28th at 11am. The ceremony was on Memorial Day. It was not well attended. The ceremony was very long, there was a speaker that read from script about each war. It was organized by a group of men who were once in charge of the Memorial day celebration at Pineville Methodist Church.
- **National Night Out:** was on August 7th in Lake Park. They utilized the large shelter. Had a good turnout for their first time. They cooked hamburgers and hotdogs. It was the Police Department's first time doing this.
- **Culture Bites:** Culture Bites was held on August 9th. ASC organized several Culture Bite events around the Charlotte area that led up to a larger event, Culture Feast, that was held in downtown Charlotte. The entertainment was great. At the end of the night they had a African drum line and drums for people to play on. There were three different restaurants selling food bites.
- **Culture Blocks:** Everyone is wanting to bring culture to us. We have 6 workshops on the schedule. The first event was August 18 and unfortunately no one showed up. We support the Culture Block events but they will probably take a year or so to really get up and running once ASC does more advertising. The Community School of the Arts is doing the workshops. Matthews Playhouse held two free theater camps, which filled up.
- **Pineville Players Update:** We have started selling tickets to the Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe. The director has two sets of children acting. A blonde cast and a brunette class.
- **Upcoming Events**
 - o The Halloween Bash on Friday October 26th is being held at Jack Hughes park this year. The hayride will follow the trail around the fields and will be safer. We will have the cake walk, bounce houses on the multipurpose field. We will use the lights to field saving cost of renting a light tower.
 - o The tree lighting will be held on December 1st but we do not know where. The lot we usually have it at is under contract.

Advisory Board Discussion

- Fall Fest Ideas: Many committee members thought it hard to come up with ideas without direction. Does council want more food? Less food? More vendors? Alcohol? no alcohol? We could maybe do a survey able what the community wants. We need input from people who want changes, so were not changing blindly. We don't want the wrong changes. We will have to ask for guidelines.
- There was discussion about having a brewery come out with a truck to Fall Fest or Rockin & Reelin. Many towns around have alcohol sales at their events.
- Tree lighting discussion: Where to have it? Beside the post office? Lake Park? Police Department? Have activities at Jack Hughes Park and light the tree in front of Police Department?

Adjourn – Tad made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Clay seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.