

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY PARK BOARD**

Friday, January 11, 2013, 8:30 a.m.

Dan Kinney Family Center, 2701 S. Blackman Road, Springfield, Missouri

I. ROLL CALL

John Price, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Matt Bailey, Phyllis Ferguson, Howard Garrett, Paula Glossip, Kevin Hogan, Sarah McCallister, John Price, Chair, Tim Shryack

Members Absent: Jerry Clark

Park Board Staff: Matt Coats, Mike Crocker, Jeff Cumley, Kennon Ellison, Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Karen Herron, Bill Ingemi, Maria Johnston, Jordan Kirby, Anne-Mary McGrath, Jerry Mitchell, Tom Moore, Miles Park, Kate Plank, Susan Provance, Kim Reser, Audra Schupbach, John Waldo, Lana Woolsey

Guests: Developmental Center of the Ozarks Staff:
Allan McKelvy, Executive Director; Marisa DeClue,
Development/PR Director; Jennifer Yanders, Staff member
Roy and Laura Carter

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Tim Shryack made the motion to approve the minutes listed below as group; seconded by Ms. Paula Glossip. Motion was approved unanimously.

December 14, 2012 Park Board Workshop Meeting

December 18, 2012 Fees and Charges Workshop

III. INTRODUCTION OF DAN KINNEY FAMILY CENTER STAFF

Ms. Kim Reser, Assistant Director, introduced Ms. Kate Plank who is the Administrator over the Park Board's three Family Centers. Ms. Plank welcomed the Board to the new Dan Kinney Family Center and stated that the Board was the first to conduct a meeting in the new center. Ms. Plank introduced the Dan Kinney Family Center staff and mentioned that all are prepared for the dedication on Saturday, January 12, and encouraged the Board and the public to come visit the new facility.

IV. LIFETIME GOLF PASS RECIPIENT: Mrs. Laura Carter

Mr. Miles Park, Assistant Director, introduced Mrs. Laura Carter as a recent recipient of the Lifetime Golf Pass awarded to golfers who achieve the milestone of their 90th birthday. Mr. Roy Carter, her husband, received his lifetime pass last September. Mrs. Carter shared a few golf stories and indicated that she and her husband have been Club Champions together at two golf clubs in different cities earlier in their golf careers. They both thoroughly enjoy the game of golf and look forward to continuing to play courtesy of the Springfield-Greene County Park Board and its golf course facilities.

V. TURKEY TROT PRESENTATION WITH DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER OF THE OZARKS

Ms. Kim Reser introduced the Park Board staff who served as the coordinating directors of the Turkey Trot: Ms. Anne-Mary McGrath, Ms. Maria Johnston, and Ms. Susan Provance. The success of the Turkey Trot is a collaborative effort with the Developmental Center of the Ozarks (DCO). Mr. John Price, Park Board Chair, presented a check in the amount of \$27,117.47 to the DCO, which represents 50 percent of the proceeds for the Turkey Trot event. The remaining 50 percent of the proceeds is designated for the Park Board scholarship fund.

Mr. Allan McKelvey accepted the check on behalf of DCO and stated that the proceeds from the event have doubled in the last four years. Ms. Marissa DeClue mentioned that due to this partnership, DCO has been able to expand services that they provide in the pre-school and early childhood education areas.

VI. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES FOR FY 2013-2014 BUDGET YEAR

Mr. John Price stated that at a previous workshop, the Board reviewed and discussed the proposed fees and charges document for FY 2013-2014. Ms. Kim Reser stated that Staff had incorporated the Board's recommended changes, which included increasing the rental fee an additional \$100 each for the half-day and full-day rentals at Lake Springfield Boathouse, assessing a \$4.00 transaction fee for online transactions, and the rewording of a fees and charges statement where a percentage of sales may be charged. Mr. Jerry Mitchell mentioned that no additional charges will be incurred for future software upgrades to the Active.net program per our current contract. Mr. Howard Garrett made the motion that the Park Board accepts the proposed Fees and Charges for the FY 2013-2014 Park Board Budget as presented and outlined in the document provided; seconded by Mr. Tim Shryack. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORT

There were no Committee Reports to discuss.

VIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Jeff Cumley, Jordan Valley Park Manager Mr. Cumley reported that despite the weather on New Year's Eve, attendance was good for the First Night Springfield celebration in Jordan Valley Park that concluded with fireworks at Hammons Field. Mediacom Ice Park staff is preparing for the D-3 Hockey National tournament that we will host in March, 2013. Another large event coming to Mediacom Ice Park in November, 2013, is the Heart of America Challenge 5, an individual fitness competition. Staff is working with the local CrossFit owners for the upcoming event, which has the potential to attract 600 competitors.

Ms. Kim Reser, Assistant Director Ms. Reser indicated that the Park Board staff is excited to open the doors of Dan Kinney Family Center to the community. The dedication is Saturday, January 12, at 10:30 am, with planned activities from 11 am to 4 pm. Ms. Reser also mentioned that the Outdoor Initiatives area has recently hosted nature walks, while the School-Park division hosted day camps over the Christmas holidays. Mr. Price inquired as to how many youth participate in before and after school programs. Ms. Reser indicated that we have about 3,600 children that participate in the before and after school programs at their respective schools. Enrichment programs, crafts, and recreation are all part of the curriculum at the school programs.

Mr. Tom Moore, Superintendent of Special Facilities Mr. Moore mentioned that "Candy Cane Lane" at Rutledge-Wilson Farm was well received by those patron families that visited the park. Due to the good weather, other Christmas at the Farm activities were also successful this year such as the Christmas tree sales. Mr. Moore mentioned that Valley Water Mill Equestrian Center will host over 100 high school aged youth from our sister city, Isesaki, Japan in May. Mr. Moore stated that one of his staff, David Barton, is retiring after 20 years of service.

Ms. Jenny Edwards, Public Information Administrator Ms. Edwards thanked all staff who assisted in some way with the preparations for the Dan Kinney Family Center dedication. The "Know Your Parks" most recent show features an introduction to the Park Board's Centennial Celebration at the History Museum, along with staff members providing a tour and information about the new Dan Kinney Family Center. The media was treated to a special sneak peak to the grand opening of the Dan Kinney Family Center on Wednesday of this week. A copy of the informational packet that was shared with the media was included in the Park Board's packet of materials.

Mr. Miles Park, Assistant Director Mr. Park stated that contractors were installing the pool lifts, finishing work in the restroom facilities, and will be applying the apoxy floor covering on the pool deck at the Doling Aquatics Center. Staff performed 42 playground inspections and collected 20,860 pounds of litter in December. Mr. John Price and Mr. Park attended the recent Friends of the Garden Annual Meeting, which included a large number of interested volunteers. Mr. Park stated that we appreciate

the high energy and dedicated efforts of the Friends of the Garden volunteers. Mr. Park commented that the South Dry Sac trailhead was completed last month, which connects David C. Murray Park to Ritter Springs Park. Eventually, we would like the trail to connect to Lost Hill Park.

Mr. Park indicated that bids are under review for a project that will improve the spillway stormwater at Drummond Lake, which is located at the south end of the grounds at Nathanael Greene-Close Memorial Park. The scope of the work also includes improving the routing of the South Creek Greenway trail to the immediate west of the Scenic pedestrian underpass. This project is being administered through Public Works' Stormwater and is the final joint parks/stormwater project identified in the 2006 County-Wide Parks Sales Tax Program.

Mr. Mike Crocker, Assistant Director Mr. Crocker reported that for the ninth year in a row, the Dickerson Park Zoo welcomed over 200,000 visitors throughout the year. 2012, with 226,000 visitors, marks the second highest recorded annual attendance. Mr. Crocker commented that with the tough economy, families are finding more to do closer to home, along with warmer weather in traditionally cooler and slower months, has helped their attendance numbers remain high.

Mr. John Price, Chair, inquired about the reasoning behind having a full-time veterinarian on staff at the Zoo. Mr. Crocker explained that after the 2002 accreditation visit, we were required to have a full-time veterinarian based upon the number of animals in our collection to continue with accreditation. Having a full-time veterinarian on staff allows the Zoo to have someone perform preventive medicine programs, vaccinations, and annual physicals on the animals. We were fortunate to hire Dr. Erica Lipanovich who had experience with a variety of exotic animals, large animals, and reptiles.

Mr. Jerry Mitchell, Superintendent of Business Operations Mr. Jerry Mitchell introduced, Mr. John Waldo, who is our new Financial Analyst. Mr. Waldo has had a variety of accounting experiences, but most recently, he worked for Askinosie Chocolate. Mr. Mitchell also indicated that Mr. Waldo is a classical guitar recording artist, and he still enjoys playing for private groups and functions in his spare time.

IX. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. John Price reminded the public that the Park's Centennial Celebration is on display at the History Museum until March 15. Mr. Price mentioned that he was a featured speaker at the Friends of the Garden Annual Meeting and was intrigued how the Park Board and FOG worked together taking care of the grounds at Nathanael-Greene/Close Memorial Park. He was amazed to find out about the many sub-committees and groups associated with the gardens, as well. This is just another great example of the many successful partnerships the Park Board enjoys with organizations. Mr. Price reminded

the Board about the Dan Kinney Family Center dedication on Saturday, January 12 at 10:30 a.m. and encouraged them, along with the public, to stop by.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

XII. CALENDAR

The next monthly Park Board meeting will be Friday, February 8, 2013, at 8:30 am, at the Park Board Administrative Offices. Please note that a Budget Workshop meeting will be scheduled within the next few weeks.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Howard Garrett made the motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Paula Glossip. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 a.m.