

June 1, 2011
Joint Park Board-City Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Staner. Council members Boffeli, Henry, Knepper, Moriarity and Soppe answered roll call. Motion Moriarity, 2nd Henry to approve the agenda – all ayes. Park Board members Boyle, Curry, Donovan and Gleason answered roll call. Rausch was absent.

Mayor Staner explained that he has concerns about the placement and layout of the amphitheater and wants to make sure we are getting the maximum use from the structure, therefore placed the item on the agenda for discussion. Park Board members Boyle and Gleason feel there is a lot of ground that could be utilized behind the current proposed placement to give more green space in the front of the structure and both members suggest asking the Utility Board for less distance from the utility building. Council member Henry understands that the Utility Board needed the distance for engine replacement. Henry suggested placing the structure on an angle in the back corner of the space available. Boyle replied that if an engine would need to be replaced, the new engine would most likely be smaller. Park Board member Gleason responded that the structure will not gain any ground by being placed on an angle, and is not the placement the Rockin' Committee nor the Park Board wants. Utility Board Chairman Gavin was in attendance at the meeting and indicated that the Utility Board would be willing to work with the Committee to allow less distance between the amphitheater structure and the utility building. Rockin' on the River member Joe Wessels added that at some point in the future the river wall will need to be worked on and space will be needed to do that work so moving the amphitheater structure closer to the river wall could be detrimental to the amphitheater structure and make repairs to the river wall more difficult. Wessels added that visibility of the amphitheater structure would be best by having it face 1st Avenue. Barney Otting questioned if the drawing of the placement is to scale. Rockin' Committee members answered that the drawing is to scale. Administrator Lansing reviewed the floor plans of the amphitheater and restroom structure. Park member Gleason asked if there would be a handicapped ramp leading to the stage area. Rockin' Committee members answered that one of the side stage entrances will be accessible by ramp. Rockin' committee member Linda Hoffmann reported that support of the amphitheater project from the community has been tremendous, that \$113,363 has been raised thus far and construction is scheduled to begin on July 5th. Motion Moriarity, 2nd Boffeli to approve the Amphitheater site plan as presented with the possibility of gaining more footage in the front of the structure upon discussions with the Utility Board – all ayes.

Council and Park Board members discussed a long-term plan for a sports complex. Boyle reported that the Park Board has discussed this topic on several occasions, most recently when the Noonan family was willing to donate ground, but Boyle does not want to burden taxpayers with a very large amount of money being used to construct such a complex. Gleason added that it was generous of the Noonan's to be willing to donate ground and the Park Board looked at options for development, but didn't want to spend taxpayer money to have to clean up the area after flood events. Council member Soppe made the suggestion of purchasing ground not to build the entire complex on now, but at steps in the future. Gleason pointed out that parks also must be maintained and could list several areas that are in need of attention right now mainly the swimming pool. Gleason reported that the age of the pool is showing with several requirements for updating having been put in place as of late, which cost money. Gleason likes the idea of an aquatic center, but again doesn't feel the taxpayers of Cascade can support one at the current population. Council member Henry feels that growth in the Cascade Industrial Park could make the difference in many of the items discussed. Henry feels that in regards to a sports complex, the City would not only have the price of the land, but also the price of infrastructure to the complex.

Henry asked that the Park Board consider the money already set aside in the upcoming budget for a splash pad at the swimming pool.

Motion Henry, 2nd Soppe to approve Resolution 33-11 establishing pool admission fees. Boffeli, Henry, Knepper, Moriarity, Soppe – all ayes.

Council member Moriarity reported that the gate at the opening leading to the river in the Riverview Park should be addressed. Moriarity witnessed young children swinging on the gate toward the steps and is a safety issue. Moriarity suggested switching the gate to only swing into the park rather than into the river access area.

Motion Soppe, 2nd Boffeli to adjourn the joint meeting at 5:45 p.m. – all ayes.

Shelley Annis, City Clerk/Treas