Summary of Minutes for March 28, 2013 – Roswell Recreation Commission Meeting

Roswell City Hall – Room 220 – 5:30 pm

Commission Present: Debra Ewing, Margie Cooper, Tom Pratt, Steve Stroud, Angelia Parham and Jay Small

Councilmember: Jerry Orlans

Staff: Joe Glover, Morgan Rodgers, Jeff Pruitt and Bobbie Daniels

1. Motion by Mr. Stroud to approve the Minutes of February 12, 2013, second by Mr. Pratt, Motion Passed.

2. Visitors/Guests – At the request of the Commission a few months ago, the Clay Collective and Lacrosse Association Presidents attended this meeting. Herb Smith, Clay Collective- president for 3 years was introduced by Supervisor, AJ Argentina, 2011 Employee of the Year. Clay Collective holds two shows and the chili cook-off. 30% commission goes back to the program to purchase Kilns, equipment and supplies. Steven Malone, Coordinator, introduced Lacrosse President, Ron Walker, and Tournament Director, Jennifer Heilmann. 10th year of the Lacrosse program and they are projecting 1500 to 1700 lacrosse players this year. Lacrosse board has donated $30,000 a year for the past two years to build a field at Elkins Point Middle School and to install, sod, lights, sprinklers, etc., and a flag court at Roswell Area Park. This program makes a lot of money in tournaments and donates those funds back into the program. Commission thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for their support to the department.

3. Recreation Update – Morgan Rodgers
   - Bike rentals project tabled until master plan has been determined
   - Brochure update – we will now only offer two brochures, Fall, Winter, Spring together and Summer.
   - Adaptive Recreation update – discussing the possibility of forming a coalition with Alpharetta, Sandy Springs, Johns Creek and Milton. Open up adaptive recreation programs to everyone in each area for special needs programs. This would allow participants to attend program at each area and pay the resident fee. Idea is that each city would offer different programs at different times so there will not be a competition. This will be coming back to a meeting for approval of the fees.
   - Summer 2013 brochure is on line and you may get a copy. We now have the online summer camp an interactive summer camp guide to assist you in querying camps available for a particular age group, location, etc.
   - Handed out information on the gymnastic program and shelter reservation. Gymnastics programs are up from last year. Shelters are being rented but not at capacity. Have additional shelters available and all shelters are rentable.

4. Parks Update – Jeff Pruitt

- No update on Roswell River Walk but feel we are making progress.
- Don White picnic pavilion has been installed and great job to the parks' staff for their hard work. Currently have outdoor shower for citizens to use after playing volleyball and/or work out, etc. Also, we have installed a water fountain down from the picnic pavilion including a dog fountain.
- Update for trail counters at all major parks – Mr. Pruitt handed out information with stats on the counters. Hopefully in near future all information will be able to be downloaded on regular basis. We will be able to move counters around and monitor wide range to get a more accurate count.

5. Work Session Committee – Margie Cooper

- Motion by Mr. Stroud to approve Background Check Policy, second by Mr. Pratt, Motion Passed.
- April work session agenda –
    1. Youth Day Parade theme and Grand Marshal – will speak with a couple of folks and bring back names at the newt work session.
    2. Comparisons on revenue and expenses.

6. Director's Report – Joe Glover

- Our department will be proposing a budget of $150,000 to develop a master plan for Riverside Park, including Ace Sand and Don White Park. The Mayor has asked for commission to take a look at the property and get our feedback. The City's vision is based on the river. I recommend we start at Willeo Park and walk all along river to get an idea of the layout. Would like to get the tour rescheduled. Be thinking of what your interests are and what would likely be approved.
- Waller Park Master Plan – had public meeting last night regarding the master plan. The meeting went very well and the neighborhoods seemed satisfied with plans. Shade structures were a big topic. Mr. Orlans and Mr. Igleheart will be forming an appointed committee for future discussions and plans.
- Bond Project Update – consultant has turned in amount for therapeutic pool. Determined that if will take extra grading and storm water work to complete which will cost us more money. We are challenging Roswell Ramblers to raise $200,000 to help with funding of hot tub and elevator.
- Turf Field Update – Jeff Pruitt has been involved in discussions with legal regarding the bid process. The final appeal is currently taking place with Sprint Turf. Hope to have answers soon.

7. Chairman/Administration – Debra Ewing

- Upcoming Meeting Dates
    - Friday, April 12, 2013, Work Session 7:30 am
    - Thursday, April 25, 2013, Commission Meeting/Park Tour, 4:00 pm, Recreation and Parks Conference Room