

AGENDA
PARK, RECREATION AND DOCK BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2016
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 5:00 P.M.
FORT MADISON, IOWA

Tara Johnson--Chairman
Lauri Wondra--Member

Jim Decker—Vice-Chairman
Jesus Garcia—Member

Sue Pieper--Member
Mary Ann Gaudette—Member

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES—FEBRUARY 3, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENTS

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **REQUEST FROM NLCHS TO WAIVE THE RENTAL FEE AT THE RIVERVIEW PAVILION FOR THE OLD FORT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET ON APRIL 9th**: At the February 3, 2016 meeting Andy Andrews requested that the Board waive the rental fee.
- B. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LIST OF PROPOSED QUALITY OF LIFE BOND PROJECTS FOR RODEO PARK**: John Luna and City Manager David Varley

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **TRAILWAYS TRAVEL SHOW IN RIVERVIEW PAVILION**: April 11, 2016, Randy Kester, Trailways would like to have a travel show in order to show customers the different trips they offer.
- B. **COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT AT RODEO PARK SPONSORED BY HY-VEE**: March 19, 2016, Rhonda Sherwood, event is open to the public. Reoccurring event.
- C. **FORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT IN RODEO PARK**: May 21, 2016, Stephanie Brownlee, fundraiser for the food pantry.
- D. **PAWS RUN FOR THEIR LIVES 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK IN RODEO PARK**: May 28, 2016, reoccurring fundraiser for PAWS.
- E. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REMOVING FENCE SURROUNDING VICTORY PARK, EXCLUDING THE FENCE AROUND THE TENNIS COURT**:
- F. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LIST OF PROPOSED QUALITY OF LIFE BOND PROJECTS FOR RIVERVIEW PARK**: John Luna and City Manager David Varley

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

- A. PORT - PIEPER
- B. RODEO/SPORTS COMPLEX/RIVERFEST - JOHNSON
- C. OLD SETTLERS ASSOCIATION - DECKER

DIRECTORS REPORT

MARCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 1 – Summer Mooring Agreements Due
- 2 – Parks Board Meeting
- 14 – Soccer Practice Begins at Mike Bowen Field
- 14-23 – Spring Cemetery Clean-Up
- 19 – Community Easter Egg Hunt at Rodeo Park
- 31 – Boats Are to Be Out of Winter Mooring

ADJOURNMENT

***IN ORDER TO TRANSACT BUSINESS A QUORUM IS REQUIRED.
THEREFORE, PLEASE R.S.V.P. TO
JOHN LUNA - jluna@fortmadison-ia.com OR
DAWN HELLING – dhelling@fortmadison-ia.com
IF YOU WILL OR WILL NOT BE ATTENDING.***

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
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Below is a brief synopsis of the items on the agenda for our Wednesday, March 2, 2016 Parks Board Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. REQUEST FROM NLCHS TO WAIVE THE RENTAL FEE AT THE RIVERVIEW PAVILION FOR THE OLD FORT VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET ON APRIL 9th:

At the February 3, 2016 meeting Andy Andrews requested the Board waive the rental fee for the Old Fort Volunteer Appreciation Banquet on April 9. He made this request under the "Public Comments" section at the last Parks Board meeting and the board couldn't "officially" act on his request until this meeting. The Board waived the fee for last year's event which was well attended and very much appreciated by the Old Fort Staff and volunteers.

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LIST OF PROPOSED QUALITY OF LIFE BOND PROJECTS FOR RODEO PARK:

After receiving final figures on items that the Board wanted the Management Analyst to include in the list of "Proposed Quality of Life Bond Projects for Rodeo Park", we are ready to present the updated list for discussion and further action.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. TRAILWAYS TRAVEL SHOW IN RIVERVIEW PAVILION:

Randy Kester, a Trailways representative, would like to have a travel show in the Riverview Park Pavilion on Monday, April 11. The purpose of this show is to display the various trips Trailways offers.

B. COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT AT RODEO PARK SPONSORED BY HY-VEE:

This is an annual event which was initiated by the Fort Madison Disc Golf League and subsequently organized by Fort Madison Hy-Vee. It will be held on Saturday, March 19 in Rodeo Park between the Old Lions Shelter House and the proposed RV Campground. Rhonda Sherwood from Hy-Vee is the event coordinator.

C. FORT MADISON HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT IN RODEO PARK

Stephanie Brownlee, a member of the Fort Madison High School Key Club, will be present to ask the Board's permission to use the Disc Golf Course on Scenic Drive to hold a Disc Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 21 as a fundraiser for the Fort Madison Food Pantry.

D. PAWS RUN FOR THEIR LIVES 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK IN RODEO PARK:

The PAWS RUN FOR THEIR LIVES 5K RUN/1 MILE WALK is a reoccurring event to benefit P.A.W. Fort Madison Animal Shelter. This year's event will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2016 with the route to be an out-and-back course around Rodeo Park starting at the Mike Bowen Soccer Field.

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REMOVING FENCE SURROUNDING VICTORY PARK, EXCLUDING THE FENCE AROUND THE TENNIS COURT:

It has been suggested the Parks Board take a look at removing the fence surrounding Victory Park as through the years it has become an eyesore and since there are no longer leagues being played at Victory Park the fences "safety" value is no longer an issue. Please stop by Victory Park prior to our meeting and take a look at the fence before making your decision. This does not include the fence surrounding the tennis courts that will need to remain intact.

F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LIST OF PROPOSED QUALITY OF LIFE BOND PROJECTS FOR RIVERVIEW PARK:

The City Manager and I have come up with three (3) substantial Quality of Life Projects for Riverview Park.

- 1) \$100,000 for Docking Upgrades and Improvements for Viking Cruise Lines. Additional monies are also being requested from Viking Cruise Lines and SIRRC (Southeast Iowa Regional Riverboat Commission).
- 2) \$65,000 for Old Fort Madison Restoration, Improvements and Operations in preparation of Viking Cruise Lines Tours.
- 3) \$44,451 for Riverview Park Lighting Upgrade

The total for all three projects is \$209,451 out of an available \$250,000. This leaves a balance of \$40,549 for the Parks Board to work with on other projects they feel need to take place in Riverview Park.

Two of the three projects (Docking Upgrades and Improvements for Viking Cruise Lines and Old Fort Madison Restoration, Improvements and Operations) have been discussed quite extensively with the City Council and Old Fort Commission and both groups are in support of these allocations.