

BRISTOL PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES JULY 21, 2009

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Gordon Benner, Jane Tedrow, and Cerina Leeman

ALSO PRESENT: Laurie Chandler

Gordon called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

MINUTES: On a motion by Cerina, seconded by Jane, the minutes from the July 7 meeting were accepted as written. The commissioners further discussed the nature center's request for help with the touch tank; the filling and moving of the touch tank will be done with the Kubota tractor.

LEARNING CENTER RENTAL PRICING POLICY: The commissioners edited the draft rental pricing policy, written by Cerina, covering the use of the Learning Center for educational classes and other events. On a motion by Jane, seconded by Cerina, this policy was adopted (copy attached). Cerina will update the website to reflect the new prices. Also, Gordon had offered Julie Babb the opportunity to hold art classes at the Learning Center this summer for 50 percent of the fees she charges, prior to the adoption of this policy.

LEARNING CENTER GRAND OPENING: Cerina brought samples of the invitations for this event, which will be held on Aug. 2 from 12 to 4 p.m. She will also be submitting an article to the newspaper today. The commissioners discussed the entertainment and food. Tom Block and his band will play for 2 hours for \$250 later in the afternoon and Cerina will ask Julia Lane to play earlier. Cerina will also ask local restaurants to each donate one plate of food, to supplement what Gordon prepares. Cerina is making a banner for the front lawn and Jane will ask Chad Hanna to speak.

OTHER ISSUES: Gordon reported that the recent DAR meeting was a success and that the group invited him to speak about the work of the Lighthouse Committee. The guests were very pleased with the facility and will be sending pictures of their gathering, which was the first major event hosted in the Learning Center. Cerina will update the website to remove the information on purchasing quilt raffle tickets by mail and will add that the commission is recruiting volunteers to work in the gardens, at the Rock Schoolhouse, and at events. Jane reported that the first volunteer at Lighthouse Park should begin working soon. Proceeds from the Big Beach Bazaar totaled \$596, minus expenses. Cerina is preparing posters to advertise the Pete Collins concert.

BEACH ADMISSION: Jane asked for clarification on the policy for charging beach admission when visitors ask to be allowed to "go look at the beach for free and pay if they decide to stay." The group discussed this issue and Gordon explained that there are photographs of the beach available near the entrance booth to show visitors the appearance of the beach. The decision was made to simply charge all individuals ages 12 and over who enter the beach.

The next meeting will be held on Tues., Aug. 4, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bristol Town Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Chandler, Secretary