



Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2016

Board Members Present: Linore Wallace, Rudy Stanford, Jim Clouse, MK King

Board Members Absent: Phoebe Stoner, Jim Clouse, Tricia Clarke

Staff in Attendance: Steve Ashworth, Megan LaTorre, Andrew Fleck, Andrew Erskine, Jill Russell, Chuck Parquet, Ben Arlotta

Call to Order

1. **Linore called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm**
2. **Approval of the May Minutes with the edit that Linore was not in attendance.** MK moved, Rudy seconded, May minutes approved.

3. **New Staff Introductions**

Andy Erskine is new park manager, we are thrilled to have him. He came to us from the Golf Course Industry and was already living in Jackson. Jill mentioned that Ben is our new CS supervisor, Kristena Haslem is now FT, and Amanda Lawson just moved to FT as well . Ben introduced himself.

4. **Public Correspondence – No new correspondence to report**

5. **Volunteer Opportunities**

6. **Citizen Input**

7. **Informative/Discussion Items**

7a. **Jackson Hole Stingrays Fee Waiver Request**

This item was been requested to be on the agenda by the Stingrays. Jenn Kandolin is not here at this time, so we are moving forward with the agenda and will address 7a when Jenn arrives.

7b. Vision/Mission Discussion

Included in the Board Packet was the Vision and Mission statement of the board. Has not been updated since 2001. Steve's goal is to help the board understand to vision and mission and to create a plan of attack to move forward with filling in the blanks. Steve has also offered to hire a facilitator to assist the board in working through this vision/mission process. This is really just our first request of the topic.

Linore asked if this was the vision mission of the board or the department. Steve said that it is the BOARD's vision. Linore said she thinks that having a facilitator to help work through the process would be very beneficial. Jim agreed. Linore asked the board if they would rather add on an extra hour or just do it all at once. Rudy suggested scheduling an hour meeting or two at other times rather than adding an hour onto our regularly scheduled meeting time. Linore asked about timeline – Steve replied that having this accomplished by the end of July and it could be adopted in the August meeting.

Megan will send a Doodle poll and work with some times and get feedback from the board.

8. Action Items

8a. Wilson Boat Access Development Plan

We presented the draft plan of the Wilson Boat Ramp at the last meeting. All of our improvements are above or behind the levee process. It's focused more on parking, vehicle circulation, restrooms, and pedestrian access. We did a site walk through with Board members and everything looked better out on site and made more sense than when we walked through it on paper. We are hoping for the board to take action and approve this to move forward today, so we can take it to the JIM and proceed. Jim asked if this project was already funded. Yes, partially through SPET and revenues generated by the SRMP.

Rudy moved to improve the plan, Jim seconded. All in favor.

7a. Jackson Hole Stingrays Fee Waiver Request

Jenn Kandolin from the Stingrays handed out packets for the board's reference. After seeing the fee increase and looking at the budget, it was evident that the club could not cover that. Jenn is requesting a break in the radical increase to a more graduating fee schedule. Jim asked the Jenn what the cost is per participant is. Jenn replied that the fees could be \$55 or \$65 per month based on how often they swim. The stingrays are proud of the fact that they are able to provide

a quality program at a very affordable cost to families. Rudy asked if any of the funding goes to scholarship, Jenn replied that they do have some fees set aside for scholarship/reduced fee (typically based on the lunch waiver program in school).

MK looked at the third page in the packet, and asked for clarification on it. It consists of other pools in the region that have club swim teams utilizing them.

Cindy commented about how they are trying to keep the fees low due to the low income families. Rudy thinks the fees are pretty standard when you have traveling teams, in which parents pay for specialized league fees. Rudy and Jenn agreed that this is pretty much the norm. Jenn wanted to know if our fees were negotiable, and if we could find a happy medium. Linore replied that it is up to the board after comments to decide whether we want to pursue it.

MK reiterated that the Stingrays are on board with the fees and the fact that they need to be increased. MK also mentioned that youth hockey fees went up, and so the private entity raised fees and the TOJ went to them and asked the fees to be raised slowly. It was a youth program that had a significant increase. Cindy asked if there were any other comparisons of youth sports.

Public Comment regarding Stingrays:

Ron Gessler – his daughter who is now 10, has been a stingray for 5 years. Was shocked to see it was essentially a quadrupling of the fees. It is a pretty expensive year round endeavor. It has been hugely beneficial in teaching individual responsibility and team responsibility.

Leah Dow – new to Jackson and moved from Idaho. They looked to see if there was a swim team, and is it affordable? It is and was. Her fees are about \$1000 per year, and if it was quadrupled, it would be \$4000 per year or \$333 per month for just her only child.

Cody Miller – concerned about the governing document that the board is using says that can only increase fees 25% per year. If the fees went higher it would need to go to the BCC. Joint Powers Agreement.

Jamel – parent of two children in the swim team, the last 6 years we have been here my children have played multiple sports. The Stingrays is almost like a family. And if our fees are quadrupled, than people would no longer be able to swim.

No more public comment. Linore said that MK would like us to consider a gradual fee increase and asked the board. Jim asked to know what the increase was per child would be as well as

what the terms of the JPA would be. MK thought the matrix was misleading and thought she was voting on a 25% increase. Rudy would like to take time and look at this further. Steve asked the board to give a list of questions/items that you would like more information on. The board said that they would like to know what the increase would mean to the fees per child to participate in the Stingrays program and further clarification on the Advisory Board's responsibility in regarding to fees. Rudy said that he thinks it's their job to evaluate the fees and oversee. Steve said that if this is something we want to continue in next board meeting. MK moved to continue to item until July and bring back JPA info and bring back fee impact on Stingrays. Jim seconded. All in favor

9. Comments/Matter from the Director

9a. Staffing Update

Its been quite an unusual spring. Jill is pulling triple duty. We have had quite a bit of change this spring, bringing on a new irrigation technician next week, many parks guys are pulling double duty. Joe, no last name, will be the new aquatic supervisor. We are short a gentleman in the athletic fields due to loss of housing. There are more than a few people living out of their cars. On a positive note, Cheyenne who coordinates youth education and summer camp. We are fully staffed for camp and excited for the season. She has done a great job recruiting returning staffers and we are really proud of her. The front desk had some turnover with the retiring of both Ronnie and Liz. Some great folks at the front desk have really stepped. Liz was a staple of the organization, so there are some big shoes to fill. We'll try to continue bringing people in and introduce them to the board.

Jim asked if these people get housing, how does this work? We have people doing month to month leases in county owned housing. Makes us very nervous, one of the people we just lost moved because he lost his home after 1.5 months. Steve mentioned that the new park shop will be hugely beneficial.

10. Comments/Matters from the Board

Jim commented that he went to the Age friendly JH last night. After the meeting they went out and walked the site. People were very pleased, it is no longer chaos. Jim found it to be a very positive meeting and they understand that not ideas need to come to fruition. Jim encouraged them to create a plan and bring it to the board.

Rudy commented about dogs in park and the large amount of poop that moms had to pick up during baseball games. Rudy thinks we need to write a letter and formulate a plan to take it to the chief of police. Steve suggested bringing Todd and a councilman or two to a meeting to further discuss this. Trout story. Linore commented that it is an enforcement issue. It takes threatening to take the right to walk dogs away or threatening to fine people. Steve thinks that engaging with the police to see what their challenges are and then approaching the TC as a united front.

At 6:20 pm, Jim moved to adjourn the June Board Meeting, MK seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.