

The Friends of Guy Mason Recreation Center, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes: JULY 7, 2011

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Renovated Center: FOGM opened meeting in the newly renovated building to positive reactions. Caryl King from the center joined the meeting. She reported that the contractor had much to complete but that classes were started in full. A new staffer, Cornelia (Nlecey) Bell, will be working at the center. Another custodian, Veronica Gafford, will also work at the center on a full time basis. Kenny will not be back.

Building: General discussion about building. DPR director had visited the building. Bridgett had been involved everyday as the contractor fulfilled to-do list. Caryl reported a problem with the kiln and trouble finding a maintenance/repair person. Retention of past students and teachers has suffered since building has been closed for over a year.

Treasurer's Report: Checking \$21,653. PayPal \$6,650. Total \$28,110. Expenditures of \$4,100 included Big Belly repair, playground cleanup, and domain name renewal.

Playground Event: In his absence, David's plans for the July 11th event were relayed. Expected that a magician, pizza, ice cream, misc would run around \$800. **MOTION:** \$800 budget for event -- **APPROVED.**

Sand: Sand and mulch discussed. Plans for mulch for the playground and dog park were tabled, as the city had recently scraped and replaced the playground mulch with engineered chips and the dog park with mulch -- an unexpected surprise. Discussion of how and where to deliver/move sand into the sandbox. This would take place with volunteers in the morning of the event. 5 tons of white sand would cost around \$900. **MOTION:** \$900 budget for sand -- **APPROVED.** Discussion about need for a wheelbarrow. **MOTION:** \$100 budget for wheelbarrow -- **APPROVED.**

Basketball Court: Wrong surface was applied. According to Bridgett the city will fix. When court is finished, idea to purchase kid-friendly vehicles. **MOTION:** \$120 for kid vehicles -- **APPROVED.**

Arts & Clay Program: Sue Baum approached Dan with a request for scholarship and supplies for arts program. Discussed but no action at this time.

Landscaping: Milton met with Sally Boasberg, landscape-design consultant. Space in circle needs stump removed before specimen tree can be planted in fall. 2 dead trees need to be replaced in fall also. Sally recommended that we not plant trees in the center of the dog run but instead plant a series of crape myrtles along the edge (that is, along the ball field section of the fence). Fragrance garden has bare patches, \$300-\$400 needed. Stroller path tree had been removed to "tree stable", \$400. **MOTION:** \$950 budget for landscaping, tree -- **APPROVED.**

General: Discussion about water for kids vs. wear and tear on mister. Transportation costs for Caryl if/when she can attend meetings. Building is ADA compliant, can voting at Guy Mason resume?

Next Meeting: Skip August. **MOTION:** Next meeting September 8th -- **APPROVED.**