

Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2012

5:15 pm, Washington Street Conference Room

Present: Jeff Kuller, Brian Robinson, Ray Andresen (chair), Beth Ward, Peter Brown, Sharon Gilbert, Jim Heard (Select Board liaison), Pete Conover and Ed Libby

Absent: David Olivas

Ray opened the meeting at 5:20pm and welcomed Pete Conover to the committee.

Peter motioned to accept January 11, 2012 meeting minutes as presented, Ed seconded the motion, it passed 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

US National Toboggan Championships®: Sharon reported that the weekend went smooth and was as good as last year. Vehicles were not allowed on the ice and shuttle buses were busy. USTNC Committee will meet for a wrap-up meeting on February 29 at 8am. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns about 2012 event or for 2013 event email Beth Ward.

RMRA Redevelopment: Jeff reported the business group fundraising breakfasts are still happening. Groups of contractors, realtors, physicians, etc. will be invited for a breakfast presentation and asked to contribute to the redevelopment. The "Fund a Chair Get a Lift" campaign is under way as well as friends of Sarah Montgomery who are working to raise \$500,000 to name the great room of the new lodge. March 14th Seth Wescott will be coming to the Snow Bowl and to Camden for the fundraising and educational effort.

Pathways: Nothing to report

Snow Bowl Finances:

Jeff projected the Snow Bowl will have an operating loss between a \$50,000 and \$100,000. There is at least a \$100,000 fund balance from previous year surpluses to offset this, so there will be no impact to tax payers from this warm winter.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Snow Bowl Winter Dog Policy: Jeff reported that everyone seemed ok with the compromise solution and he has not had any issues.

P & R Properties Tour: Ed presented a quote of \$3,000 to design and print a map/brochure for Camden's park properties and will go to the budget meetings to ask for the funds for this project. Ray asked if all committee members support this project. It passed 6-0.

Construction Projects: Nothing to report at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dog Park: Ray reported that the Camden-Rockport Animal Rescue League has purchased the field next door to use as a dog park.

Downtown Master Plan: Has identified the Riverwalk project as a priority to connect downtown with residential areas and to highlight the river corridor.

Upcoming Events:

Terrain Park Event February 25

Downhill bike race February 26

Ragged Mountain Ski & Snowboard Club Sally Deaver Race March 4th

Terrain Park Event March 4th: Skier/Snowboard-Cross Race, High Ollie Contest

Seth Wescott visit March 14th

Uphill-Downhill Race March 17th

Terrain Park Events March 17th: Big Air Contest, Giant Rail Slide

Peter motioned to adjourn at 6:40pm, Ed 2nd all in favor 6-0.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 5:15pm in the WSCR

Minutes recorded by Beth Ward