

Camden Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014

5:15 pm, Washington Street Conference Room

Present: Ray Andresen (chair), Pete Brown, Landon Fake, Jim Heard, David Olivas, Geoff Scott, Beth Ward.

Excused: Casey Heard, Ed Libby, Brian Robinson.

Ray Andresen opened the meeting at 5:20 pm.

Minutes: Pete Brown moved that the Dec. 11 minutes be approved, David Olivas seconded, and it passed 3-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ragged Mountain Redevelopment: Landon Fake reported that he and Town Manager Pat Finnigan will be meeting with Will Gorsky regarding engineering decisions for the development project, including site plans for a new tubing hill. Copies of the redevelopment timeline will be distributed at the next meeting.

National Toboggan Championships: Beth Ward said that preparations for the 24th annual championships are progressing well. The new program has been finalized and is off to the printer, registration is filling up fast, and a toboggan raffled off last year has been donated back and will be re-raffled this year.

Pathways: Geoff Scott reported that Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has expressed several concerns about the Riverwalk, including setbacks, the need for a survey of wetlands and vernal pools nearby, and the blue heron nesting site near the middle school. In addition, the state historical society wants an archaeological survey of the old mill site at Seabright Dam to accompany any RTP grant application for that part of the Riverwalk. Geoff will try to get names of some state archaeologists for the next meeting.

Public Landing/Riverwalk: Ray Andresen reported that he and Geoff Scott have yet to meet with Development Director Brian Hodges to discuss plans for committee oversight of the Riverwalk development.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Revenues: Beth reported that revenues are up from 2012 due to a fantastic Christmas holiday season.

Expenses: In addition to a compressor that needs to be repaired or replaced, one of the ATVs suddenly died and also needs to be replaced. About 90 new uniforms are needed and will be included in next year's budget. The Ragged Mountain Redevelopment project will be shown as a separate account on the Town budget and not incorporated into Parks and Recreation expenses.

OLD BUSINESS

Snow Bowl Operations: Landon reported that mountain stewards have been taking a regular count of season passholders and day ticket skiers to give us a better day-to-day picture of who's skiing on the mountain. He also said that a helmet policy for all employees working on the hill will be implemented. He's also talking to the Nordic skiers to see where and when snowshoers should be allowed on the new cross-country trail.

Committee Goals: Pete Brown suggested that public lands that are not currently part of Parks and Recreation should be included in our Strategic Plan. He also suggested that the list of committee goals include actions needed and deadline dates.

Property Guide: Pete also mentioned that Deb Dodge of the Economic Development Committee is looking at the possibility of incorporating the Parks Guide with other economic development initiatives.

NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Events: A Family Fun Race is scheduled for Jan. 19. The Toboggan Chute will be open for the Martin Luther King weekend. The Toboggan Championships will be held on Feb. 7-8-9.

Pete moved the meeting be adjourned, David Olivas seconded the motion, and it passed 3-0 at 6:17 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Feb. 12 at 5:15 pm in the WSCR.

Minutes recorded by Ray Andresen