

Colfax Park and Recreation Auxiliary Board

April 11, 2018 Meeting Minutes

I. Attendees & Guests

Doug Garrett	Shannon Harding	Kathy Dickerson
Kyle Ament	Terry Edwards	Pete Parvi
Mary Dell Flattery	Don Edwards	Dennis Farland
Greg Rhames	Kim Seebeck	Dave Mast
Jeff Davidson	Linda Bodikker	Darla Edwards
Darcy Hollister-Brown		

II. Topics for Discussion

Agenda Approval – Doug Garrett invited a motion to approve the agenda. So moved by Shannon Harding; 2nd by Don Edwards. Motion approved.

Guests – Darcy Hollister-Brown. Ms. Brown appears as a representative of the Cub Scout troop in town; her grandson is Cub Scout. The scouts would like to hold a silent auction during the June concert to raise funds. They will set up at the time of the concert and would donate 10% of any proceeds to QSP. Most items offered would be geared to camping. Discussion ensued.

Financials –

Account Balances as of 4/11/18:

- Savings:
 - Balance: \$81,085.20
- Checking:
 - Balance: \$4,648.19
- Cash Accounts:
 - Petty Cash - Archery: \$250.00

Don moved to approve the financials; 2nd by Kim Seebeck. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from March 7th Meeting – Kim moved for approval; 2nd by Mary Dell Flattery. Motion approved.

Committee Reports

- **Promotions Committee** –Discussion centered on the new park brochure; Pat Utz is working on the project. Doug reported the deadline is approaching and our brochure design is somewhat tied to City's brochure timewise. Further discussion ensued, including mention of the other city parks in our park brochure. Mary Dell indicated the photo contest will continue on a quarterly basis, rather than a monthly one. Additionally, she noted the winning photographs may be used in a fundraising calendar.
- **Operations/Planning Committee** – Doug reported that last week's workday was cancelled due to uncooperative weather. The April 14th workday will involve cleaning out the block building – at least half of it - for the upcoming Fifth Grade outing. City employees did not frame out any windows as previously hoped, so we need to get that done as soon as possible. Tony Edwards is willing to paint the interior of the building again, but the west side will need to be cleaned first. There is some leftover paint from the east end project, but more will be required to complete the work. Doug asked the Board, if members were free on Saturday, to please arrive at 9 a.m. to see what work could be accomplished. He further indicated that future messages re workdays and any tools or other items needed for that day's project would be posted on Facebook and the website. Next, Doug reported he had ordered additional kybos and they'll be arriving soon: one will be placed next to the ADA kybo and one will be placed near the entrance to the campground. After the Fifth Grade event, a kybo will be moved into the campground area. Additional kybos will be coming for the Kid's Fishing Derby and Rock the Quarry events in June. It was further reported that Kevin Hartgers will get water turned on in the next week or so. Lastly, Doug noted that either May 5th or 12th will be a tree planting workday.
- **Steering Committee** – Kim finalized the developer package and issued it pursuant to an email list provided by Confluence; there were a total of 12 developers named. Within twelve hours, three of those on the list acknowledged the package but indicated they were not interested; each was primarily a commercial developer. The package indicated that a tour of the park and town would be available on April 21st at 11 a.m. Kim hopes to hear that some recipients of the package will attend.

Old Business

2018 Concert/Relax in Colfax Promotion/Ad Campaigns – Doug reported that Dennis Farland has secured hotel accommodations for the radio contest winner. Further, Doug will be setting up a time to meet with KCOB staff about the ad campaign soon. More information will be available thereafter.

Update Iowa Tourism Grant Brochures/\$ 0 Cost/Due by June 30th – See update in Promotions Committee report above.

Watercraft Rental Shelter – Doug reported the pad frame has been built. The concrete work will be performed by Bob Rhone and City employees as weather permits.

Eagle Scout Projects/Camping Registration Kiosk – The pad frame has also been completed for the kiosk, and the concrete will be poured as weather permits.

Red Bridge Update – Doug reported that the state historical grant sought by Joe Otto was not awarded as we'd hoped. However, Joe has indicated he learned he's got some paperwork to take care of, and he'll reapply for the grant thereafter. Doug noted there is a story appearing in today's Newton paper on the subject.

Grant Applications Report:

Paint Iowa Beautiful/Interior Block Building Completion – We've got paint.

Trees Please/Trees Planting – We'll plant trees in May.

Prairie Meadows Community Betterment/Post & Cable Fence – No word yet.

Jasper County Foundation/30 Picnic Tables – No word yet.

Pump and Test Water on Large Well Head at QSP – Although the funds were previously approved to test the water, it has not yet been performed. Doug is not sure when it will be performed, but he'll stay in contact with Bob Rhone.

Road Behind Kum & Go – As the Board should be aware, Doug sent out an email update on this subject. As a result of expressed concerns, including a concern about potential erosion in the area, a decision will be tabled at this time. Going forward, we'll continue to discuss the subject. At present then, we're not going to open up the road behind bus barn and Kum & Go to park users. Next, Doug recently learned from Bob Rhone that Mike Williams sold the car old wash and it will be torn down. As a result, there will be 55+ truckloads of concrete – can we use that to address erosion in the park? Or perhaps we don't want this material because it's not easy to store and use? Doug is not asking for a vote tonight – it's just something to think about. A brief discussion ensued.

5th Grade Outing April 19 & 20 – The outing will occur next Thursday and Friday. S'mores will be Thursday evening – once again, the necessary items were donated by Shugar's. Kum & Go will be donating pizzas for lunch on Friday. Doug indicated he is not certain whether anyone will be camping during this year's outing, but he expects he'll know more tomorrow after meeting with the teachers. The 5th graders will be performing a clean-up project behind

the Kum & Go after the pizza lunch. Later this month the high school kids will perform clean up in the area between Hwy 117 and the park's gravel road.

Disc Golf Course Update – Doug reported that the City approved the sale of the old disc catchers via auction. The minimum bid per disc catcher will be \$100. Any funds raised will go back to City and will cover other park-related costs.

Donation of Wood Chipper Use by Jason's Tree Service of Pleasant Hill – Doug indicated the when he inquired of Jason's Tree Service about the cost to rent a chipper, intending to use it along the dike trail, Jason offered to allow us to use one without paying the rental fee. The only cost associated would be the cost of diesel fuel. The Board would limit who could use the chipper to ensure safe operation. This would allow us to get off the trail, to feed downed trees right into chipper and get the chips back onto trail immediately.

City of Colfax Park Board – Finally, as previously mentioned, there has been a suggestion that we may want to fold our Board into the City's Park Board to save costs, including insurance premium costs. Doug provided a handout and asked the Board to review it concerning Chapter 24 – Parks and Recreation Board City Ordinance. In a future meeting, this Board can talk through the idea and have the executive committee meet thereafter. A brief discussion ensued regarding the anticipated benefits. This item will appear on the agenda for next month's meeting so be prepared to discuss at that time.

Adjournment – Kim moves to adjourn; 2nd by Shannon. Motion approved.