

Colfax Park and Recreation Auxiliary Board

June 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes

I. Attendees & Guests

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| Doug Garrett | Kim Seebeck | Shannon Harding |
| Greg Rhames | Dave Mast | Pete Parvi |
| Linda Darrock | Brad Hagarty | Kent Deal |
| Don Edwards | Kathy Dickerson | Mary Dell Flattery |
| Karen Russell | Kyle Ament | Pat Utz |
| Terry Edwards | Dennis Farland | Jeff Davidson |
| Darla Edwards | Linda Bodikker | Rebecca Evans |
| Brad Magg | Joe Otto | Caitlin Otto |

II. Topics for Discussion

Agenda Approval –Motion to approve agenda by Don Edwards; 2nd by Kent Deal. Motion approved.

Guests – Joe & Caitlin Otto with a Red Bridge Update. Joe reported a good turnout at the recent Jasper County Board of Supervisors meeting. The letter writing campaign resulted in 578 letters written in support of saving the Red Bridge. As indicated in an article in the Newton paper, the county supervisors approved a symbolic motion that they would not destroy the Red Bridge deliberately. The county also approved a survey of the bridge site at their cost. Most supervisors are very supportive, although Joe is aware of one member who is skeptical about the financial impact. Despite that, the vote yesterday was unanimous. Once the survey is completed, Joe may ask the supervisors to allocate funds to take the bridge off the piers. They may not agree. Thereafter, it'll be about how to get the bridge here, how to pay for it, pay for new piers, et cetera. Doug Garrett pointed out that he doesn't believe that any of the supervisors have visited Quarry Springs Park (QSP) so he's encouraged them to visit and then they'll have a better idea of what the Red Bridge could bring to QSP, Colfax and the county as a whole. Joe has talked to the Army Corp and they have said they can't move the big piece, but they are willing to come and look at the bridge and maybe move the little piece. It was reported that Billy Bell has a house moving business and is interested in moving the bridge – we'll have to approach him more about it at a later date. In any event, a crane will be needed for the large piece. Further discussion ensued regarding a Red Bridge/Quarry Springs Park combined booth for the upcoming county fair, and a parade float.

Approval of Financials – 5/11/17 through 6/14/17

- Savings:
 - Interest: \$26.82
 - Transfer to Checking: \$10,000.00
 - Balance: \$90,901.35
- Checking:
 - Incomes:
 - Transfer from Savings: \$10,000.00
 - Donations: \$1,503.50
 - General Sales: \$800.00
 - Camping Fees: \$275.00
 - Other Sales: \$200.00
 - Expenses:
 - Event Expenses: \$2,896.41
 - Tools & Equipment: \$14,540.00
 - Archery Expenses: \$789.73
 - Professional Expenses: \$500.00
 - Advertising Costs: \$387.98
 - Park Improvements: \$360.00
 - Gifts & Donations: \$250.00
 - Sanitation: \$216.42
 - Utilities: \$100.24
 - Masterdesign: \$84.65
 - Fuel: \$41.00
 - Balance: \$5,893.62
- Cash Accounts:
 - Petty Cash - Archery: \$150.00

Motion to approve financials by Shannon Harding; 2nd by Greg Rhames. Motion approved.

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting – Motion to approve minutes of May 10, 2017 by Karen Russell; 2nd by Pete Parvi. Motion approved.

There was a modification to the April 12, 2017, minutes – to correct the spelling of a name: Cheree Alexander. Karen moved the Board to accept the correction; 2nd by Kyle Ament.

Committee Reports

- **Design Steering Committee** – Kim Seebeck reported that she, Dave Mast, Chaz Allen, representatives of Confluence and Jeff Davidson met on May 16th to discuss how to handle the portion of the park that is slated for development in NW corner. We're going to go with a letter of interest – Jeff has kindly provided a template. Additionally, Confluence has agreed to do some work on a pro bono basis. They'll be formulating the letter and planning how to get it out there. It's a matter of marketing it, says Jeff Davidson.
- **Operations/Planning Committee** – Don recently spoke with Ron Jenkins who is with the Eagle Scouts interested in building a kiosk for camping self-registration; planning is in the works. Don also spoke with Mike Talsma about the windows to be installed in the block building – they're waiting until we know what we're doing about painting the inside. There was previous discussion about building a fence behind the block building on a concrete slab in order to store equipment or the firewood – Don indicated that's on hold for now. Greg reported that Kevin Hartger and he pulled all the RV camper "tombstones" or power boxes up the hill off of 117 that were donated to QSP. He believes after some repairs, we'll probably wind up with 12 or 13 good boxes. Most were 30 amp and a few are 30 amp & 50 amp. Overall, they're in really good condition and it's a great place to start. Greg reported that has a couple quotes in for vault toilets from vendors in Montana and Wisconsin. One was approximately \$14,000 and the other \$16,380. The vault toilets are unisex and ADA compliant; they're an option for permanent restroom facilities. Doug noted that we need a volunteer to install the donated charcoal grill near the picnic area. We also need volunteers to water the trees and we have more trees to plant. Next, discussion ensued about getting the rock donated by Manatts transported to the park.
- **Promotions Committee** – Pat Utz indicated we had a little over 50 kids at the Fishing Derby. Anthony's article in the Jasper County Tribune was great. He thanks the board members and volunteers for their hard work and offers a special thanks to Kyle, Brad Hagarty and Terry Edwards for acting as the fishing officials. A significant number of prizes, gift cards and certificates were awarded to all participants.

Grants

Trees Please - Kim reported that she, Karen and Linda Darrock were working on plans to purchase three varieties of trees (Swamp White Oak, Red Maple, and Cleveland Pear), stakes, mulch and other needed items. The trees are 7-gallon size and are expected to grow 1.5 to 2 feet per year. There will be 12 trees lining the entrance road on south

side. Kim noted also that although funds were approved at the last meeting, an additional \$200 is needed over the previously approved matching funds. Discussion ensued. Greg moved for the allocation of another \$200; 2nd by Kent Deal. Tree planting will take place on Saturday, June 24.

Trees Forever Living Roadways Grant - Doug reported this grant still has yet to be awarded.

Prairie Meadows Community Betterment – Colfax has been awarded a grant for banners to be displayed in town via the Visioning Committee. Doug reported that he, Rebecca Evans, and a few others will be working on the design for the banners.

Paint Iowa Beautiful – Greg is working on this to determine whether it will be necessary to prime the interior walls of the block building before it is painted with the paint obtained by the grant funds.

Iowa Trails Grant/Application Review - Kent and Greg are working on this with the assistance of Jeff Davidson. More specifically, Kent reported they're working on two grants: one state and one federal. The state grant has a July 1 deadline – it pertains to trail construction and other park amenities. Jeff is writing the grant. The group that met strategized about ways in which the two existing trail loops could be connected. Discussion ensued. The second federal grant has an October due date. This group will be meeting again after tonight's board meeting.

Dog Park Update – Doug reported the “dog park is dog gone.” In other words, the School Foundation will not sell QSP that acre of land for \$1, and they will not allow our use of the land due to liability concerns.

Adjournment – Kent moved to adjourn. 2nd by Greg. Motion approved.